

May 25TH, 2021

SUBJECT: THIRD CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT PRIESTMAN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Staff/Students/Families:

This letter contains **new information** and is to inform you of a **third** confirmed case of COVID-19 at Priestman Street Elementary School. At this time, there is no in-school transmission. In order to allow for contact tracing to occur, students and staff as well as their household members are **now being directed to self-isolate until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 28th**. *This is 24 hours longer than the previous requirement.* Students will not be permitted to attend any childcare facility during the self-isolation period.

Public Health requires students and school personnel to do the following:

- Stay home from school and self-isolate in your home. As much as possible, you will need to keep two (2) metres from other people while you isolate. The end of your isolation period is May 28th at 11:59 p.m. unless otherwise directed by Public Health.
- If possible, avoid taking any medication that could hide symptoms or a fever, such as ibuprofen (i.e. Advil) or acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol).

Household Instructions:

- The entire household needs to self-isolate until 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 28th.
- If anyone in the household develops one or more symptoms, such as: fever (temperature greater than 38 degrees Celsius), a new cough, worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, headache, feeling tired, muscle pain, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, or children developing purple marks on their fingers and toes between now and June 4th, you should fill out the online Self-Assessment.

Students and staff are also strongly encouraged to get tested by registering on-line on the Government of New Brunswick's Coronavirus page. Students and staff should identify as Teachers and School personnel when they get to the question: "Are you a member of one of the following groups?" Please identify the school name as Priestman Street Elementary School. This will give you priority testing.

Close contacts will be contacted and receive additional directions from Public Health. This communication may come to you directly from Public Health or may be communicated to you through the school.

Public Health will continue their risk assessment based on testing results and determine next steps for the school. You will receive further information prior to the end of May 28th.

LEARNING: Teachers will connect with families on Wednesday, May 26th, to share the plan for distance learning for the remainder of this week. This will be done electronically or by telephone.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit our Public Health website: Coronavirus (COVID-19). You can alternatively call the Public Health Agency of Canada phone line at 1-833-784-4397.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristin Muecke".

Dr. Cristin Muecke, MD, MSc, FRCPC
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