



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at Fellowes High School

A fourth staff member, a contact of the previous individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, has tested positive based on a result received today. This now brings the total number of cases to 4, all among Fellowes High School staff.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) had deemed this person a probable case which factored into the decision to close the school on September 16th. This individual did not have any further exposures beyond the classes that have already been identified for testing and the staff member who became symptomatic last week has not been at school this week.

The good news is that RCDHU has received negative test results for some staff and for all but 2 of the students in the original class that was exposed to the staff cases; these 2 tests have yet to be reported.

This afternoon RCDHU tested 98 individuals, 83 staff and 15 students. Almost all the staff from the school were tested along with most of the students considered to be at highest risk. There will be further testing tomorrow, for the remaining staff and students that could not attend today.

RCDHU will continue to update the school community and the public daily. In the meantime, RCDHU asks everyone to rigorously observe public health precautions as follows:

- Limit your social activities and keep your bubble small.
- Practice physical distancing (maintaining 2 metre distance).
- Wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then clean your hands.
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve and then clean your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, unless you have just cleaned your hands.
- If you are ill, stay home.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Get your flu shot.
- Use the COVID Alert App.

For all other information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-735-8654. For COVID-19 testing dates and times visit the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) [testing schedule](#) or call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404 to book an appointment for testing.

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