

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

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RCDHU Confirms a Student at Champlain Discovery Public School Tests Positive for COVID-19

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB), is confirming that a student at Champlain Discovery Public School in Pembroke, has a positive laboratory-confirmed case of novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). All students and staff who have been deemed to be a close contact of the positive case, have been advised to stay home, self-isolate and arrange for testing. The school remains open to in-person learning for all other students and staff.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place to protect all staff, students and the public. RCDHU staff is actively investigating the case and all high risk contacts will be contacted by RCDHU for further instructions. If you are a high risk contact:

- You MUST <u>self-isolate</u> and <u>self-monitor</u> for symptoms for 14 days. Do NOT return to work, school or child care, in-person;
- Call the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 to book an appointment for testing;
- If an asymptomatic individual is directed to self-isolate as a high risk contact of a
 positive COVID-19 case, their asymptomatic household members should stay home for
 14 days except for essential reasons. In this case, attending school, child care or work is
 allowable for the household contacts as an essential activity, as long as everyone in the
 household remains asymptomatic.
- If test result is negative, continue 14-day isolation because of exposure and because COVID-19 could have been developing (incubating) at time of test;
- If test result is positive, continue to self-isolate and you will be contacted by RCDHU.

If you have been directed to self-isolate, you are required to:

- Stay home. Do not go to work, school, child care, or public places. You can go outside, but you must stay on your own property. Do not walk around the neighbourhood.
- Avoid contact with others. No visitors unless deemed essential (e.g. care providers), stay in a separate room away from other people within your household, use a separate bathroom if possible.
- If these steps are not possible, maintain a distance of 2 metres from others at all times.

- Keep your distance. If you are in a room with other people, keep a distance of at least 2 metres and wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the <u>COVID-19 self-assessment tool</u> or <u>COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool</u> **daily** if they go to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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