

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

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RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Highview Public School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB), is confirming that an additional student from Highview Public School in Pembroke has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total to three positive cases at the school.

At this time, the three cases do not meet the definition of a confirmed outbreak as the individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 are not known to be linked. With no current evidence of transmission within the school setting, the school remains open for in-person learning.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff is actively investigating the cases and all high-risk contacts will receive a standard text message from the RCDHU virtual assistant within 24 hours, notifying them that they have recently been exposed to COVID-19. All high-risk contacts will be directed to complete the virtual assistant survey to review isolation and testing instructions and assess for symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit <u>RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and</u> <u>Their Household Members.</u>

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <u>https://rcvtac.ca/</u>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the <u>COVID-19 self-assessment tool</u> or <u>COVID-19</u> <u>school and child care self-assessment tool</u> **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance. Please do not attend work, school or daycare if you have symptoms.

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

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