



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

## For Immediate Release

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### **RCDHU Declares COVID-19 Outbreaks at St. Joseph's Catholic School Arnprior and Walter Zadow Public School**

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) and the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB) is confirming that a total of 11 staff and students at St. Joseph's Catholic School Arnprior, and 6 students at Walter Zadow Public School in multiple cohorts have tested positive for COVID-19. The outbreak at St. Joseph's Catholic School Arnprior was declared on December 21<sup>st</sup> while the Walter Zadow Public School outbreak was declared on December 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a delay in putting out this media release due to technical difficulties that RCDHU experienced earlier in the week.

RCDHU has found evidence of transmission within the school setting meeting the provincial definition of a confirmed outbreak. While the health unit continues to see cases associated with the two schools, both outbreaks are contained as a result of school/holiday dismissal. Students from St. Joseph's were dismissed as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, while students and staff at Walter Zadow finished school for the holidays as of December 17<sup>th</sup>.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB and RCCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility, actively investigating the cases and monitoring the situation.

**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 [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).**

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

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going 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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