

Notice of a COVID-19 Outbreak at School

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Dear Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that KFL&A Public Health has **declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at John Graves Simcoe Public School** following the identification of another positive case in a student from the same cohort that was already isolating. There are now a total of four cases at the school, only two are linked to the outbreak. The school remains open, however, visitors are limited at this time.

As per provincial Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidance, an outbreak is declared in a school once it has been determined that two individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 with an epidemiological link (meaning these students/staff could have become infected with COVID-19 at school, either from each other or a common source), within a 14-day period. This could include transportation. Affected cohorts receive separate letters where required.

Families are asked to continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and screen all students daily as most cases of COVID-19 are acquired in the home setting. KFL&A Public Health is also asking families to use the [extended symptom list for monitoring symptoms](#).

For more information go to the KFL&A Public Health website at kflaph.ca, where you will find fact sheets, and information on COVID-19 symptoms and screening, self-monitoring, self-isolation, and testing. On the website you can also find the COVID-19 dashboard which provides up to date information on COVID-19 in KFL&A.

Sincerely,

KFL&A Public Health