

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

This is an urgent message from The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared

An outbreak has been declared, due to additional cases in your child's class cohort at W.F. Herman Academy Elementary School.

Under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) has declared a class cohort outbreak, effective Tuesday, November 23, 2021. As per provincial Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidance, an outbreak is declared once it has been determined that two individuals have tested positive with an epidemiological link (e.g. these children/staff could have become infected with COVID-19 at school, either from each other or a common source).

This cohort outbreak affects any children, staff, and visitors who were part of this cohort. Refer to the table below for the recommended COVID-19 test date, last date of isolation, and return to regular activities (if symptom free), based on your child's last date of attendance.

If the last day your child attended class was	Then, testing for COVID-19 is strongly recommended for your child on/after the date below (i.e., 7 days after the exposure date).	Your child must self-isolate, up to and including, this day (regardless of immunization status)	Your child can resume regular activities, as long as they do not have any symptoms on this day
Monday, November 15, 2021	Monday, November 22, 2021	Thursday, November 25, 2021	Friday, November 26, 2021
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Friday, November 26, 2021	Saturday, November 27, 2021
Friday, November 19, 2021	Friday, November 26, 2021	Monday, November 29, 2021	Tuesday, November 30, 2021

- It is strongly recommended that anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 get tested immediately regardless of immunization status or previously negative test results.
- Household members can complete the Ontario self-assessment (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>) to get a recommendation on what to do next.

Updated: November 16, 2021

If you are receiving this Outbreak Notification after your child(ren) has already been dismissed from school, please use the information in this letter as updated guidance, and continue to isolate and get testing as noted above.

NOTE: You will not receive a phone call from WECHU staff for an individual assessment.

Testing

HOW TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19 IN WINDSOR-ESSEX

- Windsor Regional Hospital & Paediatric Urgent Medical Assessment Clinic: visit <https://www.wrh.on.ca/OnlineBooking> or call 519-973-4443.
- Medical Laboratories of Windsor: visit <https://medlabsofwindsor.com/non-travel-covid-testing/> or call 519-258-1991.
- Erie Shores Healthcare: visit <https://eshc.simplybook.me/v2/> or call 519-326-2373 ext. 4263.
- Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC): call 519-916-1755.

Please provide the testing centre with the outbreak number listed below when booking your appointment at one of the local assessment centers. If your family is having a hard time accessing testing, call the WECHU at 519-258-2146 ext. 1555.

If you have questions, or are looking for more information about COVID-19, please visit the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit’s website at <https://wechu.org/cv> or call our school department at 519-258-2146 ext. 1555.

For use at the Assessment Centre or by healthcare provider, upon testing:

PLEASE PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CENTRE THIS LETTER WHEN ATTENDING TESTING APPOINTMENT	
Name of School	W.F. Herman Academy Elementary School
Outbreak Number	2268-2021-386
Last Exposure Date	Friday, November 19, 2021