



COMMUNITY MEMO



Date: Oct. 24, 2021

School: Sandwich Secondary School

From: Principal R. Reid

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you of an exposure to COVID-19 in our school community. We have been working with the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) by providing lists of students and staff who may have been in close contact with the person. The WECHU will provide a letter to any individuals (students and staff) who have an identified high-risk exposure (close contact) with the confirmed case. A copy of the WECHU letter will also be posted to the class in Edsby. If you have not been contacted, or received a letter, you or your child(ren) have not been identified as close contacts.

Please continue to monitor your child and household members for symptoms of COVID-19 each morning using the school board's screening tool. <https://covid-assessment.publicboard.ca/> If your child is ill, please keep them at home and call your health care provider for further direction. If anyone in the house develops symptoms, take this self-screening <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> which will provide next steps to follow.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever and/or chills (temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher)
- Cough or barking cough
- Shortness of breath
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Runny or stuffy/congested nose
- Headache (unusual or long lasting)
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
- Extreme tiredness that is unusual or muscle aches

COVID-19 spreads from close contact with the respiratory droplets of a person infected with the virus. Respiratory droplets can be released into the air by coughing, sneezing, talking, and normal breathing. It is possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching surfaces that have the virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or eyes.

To protect against COVID-19:

- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Cover your cough and/or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Maintain 2 metres physical distancing between yourself and others
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Stay home if you, or someone in your household, are sick

Please visit Edsby for up-to-date information about COVID-19 cases. Additionally, please visit the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's page at wechu.org/cv if you are looking for more information.

Sincerely,

R. Reid

Principal