

September 24, 2020

Dear Adam Scott Students, Staff and Families,

As always, the well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. With that in mind, we are letting you know that, late this afternoon, we were notified by Peterborough Public Health that we have three confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Adam Scott CVI. Those individuals will remain at home until the health unit advises they may return to school.

Peterborough Public Health is not declaring an outbreak at the school at this time, because it is not believed that these cases were transmitted through the school.

We are working closely with the health unit to identify close contacts who may have been exposed to these individuals while they were infectious. **The health unit is calling close contacts directly tonight and advising them as to any next steps they must take, such as self-isolation and/or testing.**

The school is still open, and individuals who have not been contacted may continue to attend school.

Staff and students who do not receive a call from the health unit are asked to continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19; this includes completing the daily self-assessment for symptoms which is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, new onset of cough, worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell, chills, headaches, unexplained fatigue/muscle aches, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, pink eye (conjunctivitis), or runny nose/nasal congestion without other known cause.

If you or your child develop one or more of these symptoms, please immediately self-isolate at home, and contact your health care provider or health unit. Most importantly, please **keep your child or yourself at home even if symptoms seem mild, like a common cold.** As always, please remember to inform us if your child will be absent from school.

To protect yourselves, your children and the community, the health unit recommends that you continue to physically distance from others as much as possible; stay home when sick; wear a mask; clean hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer; cough and sneeze into your sleeve; avoid touching your face; avoiding sharing personal items with others; and avoid close contact with anyone who is ill.

We will continue to follow all health recommendations, including thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all areas; frequent and proper handwashing by everyone in the building; wearing masks; maintaining physical distancing to the fullest extent possible, and following any other steps directed by the health unit. If you would like further information on the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's COVID-19 protocols, please visit <http://kprschools.ca/en/COVID-19.html>

We will continue to let families know of any further developments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Wilf Gray

Principal