

October 7, 2020

Dear Adam Scott Families,

We are providing this update this morning to share that, as a result of the investigation by Peterborough Public Health (PPH), an outbreak has been declared at Adam Scott CVI.

We appreciate that this news may be concerning for our students, staff and parents, and we want to assure you that we continue to work closely with PPH to respond to this issue.

Across Ontario, COVID-19 outbreaks are declared when the health unit believes there is evidence that at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection within the school.

In terms of our school operations, we are sharing the following information:

- Our school remains OPEN.
- NO additional students and staff are being dismissed at this time. PPH believes they have identified and contacted all close contacts related to the confirmed cases at our school and continue to have daily follow-up.
- PPH will be providing us with some short-term directions regarding further limiting student and staff contacts and limiting visitors.
- Signs will be posted on school doors identifying the current outbreak status.
- We continue to implement our enhanced daily pandemic cleaning protocols, and regular disinfection of our school with the electro-static sprayer.

At this time, PPH would like to remind members of the ASCVI school community to limit contact with others and remain only in close contact with household members.

All students and staff 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/>

If you or your child develop one or more of these symptoms, please immediately self-isolate at home, and seek testing. 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, PPH recommends that you physically distance from others as much as possible; stay home when sick; wear a mask when indoors, on a bus, or whenever you cannot maintain a two metre distance; 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.

PPH also wants to remind you of the Government of Canada's new COVID Alert app, which can be downloaded for free to let people know of possible exposures to COVID before any symptoms appear. That app is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>

We continue to follow all public health recommendations to help protect student and staff safety and we will let families know of any further developments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Wilf Gray
Principal