

Date: Nov 27, 2020

Principal, Aurora Middle School

Two or more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed at **Aurora Middle School, Lac La Biche**. As a result, the Medical Officer of Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak in **Aurora Middle School**. Health Services (AHS) Public Health will investigate to determine who may have been exposed at your school to cases of COVID-19 during their infectious period, that is those who are close contacts of the case(s). This includes:

- all staff and students that may have been exposed within a 2 metre distance of the case for 15 minutes or longer, or
- anyone having close physical contact for any duration of time, or
- anyone exposed to infectious body fluids (e.g., was coughed on, sneezed on, shared food/drinks) from the case, or
- those students who shared the same classroom for 15 minutes or longer.

All individuals identified as close contacts are legally required to self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to this case to prevent the risk of spread to others.

It is also recommended that all staff and students identified as close contacts be tested for COVID-19 as a result of this exposure. AHS and Health Link will contact these staff and parents/guardians of students identified to review the requirements for self-isolation and arrange for testing. To book an appointment for testing, they can go to <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx> or call 811 toll-free. **NOTE:** A negative test result does not mean that the staff or students who are close contacts can come back to school, because they are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

As part of outbreak management, you may be contacted by Environmental Public Health to review the COVID-19 control measures in the school as per the *COVID-19 Information - guidance for school re-entry scenario 1 (August 20, 2020)*. This document can be accessed online at:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-guidance-school-re-entry-scenario-1>

It is the responsibility of School Administration to distribute the attached letter to all staff and students at your school. We ask you continue to monitor and report any new illness in your facility as per usual process.

For further information regarding COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/default.aspx> the AHS website for COVID-19 or call Health Link at 811 if there are any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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