

October 7, 2020

Dear parent/guardian:

Re: Outbreak in a Moncton special care home

On October 6, Dr. Jennifer Russell, New Brunswick's chief medical officer of health announced a COVID-19 outbreak in a special care home in Moncton. Public Health is working on contact tracing and testing people who may have come in contact with a positive case.

We continue to work with Public Health on a daily basis to keep our schools healthy and safe. Since the beginning of September, we have been following the guidelines in the [Return to School Plan](#) and many students and staff have contacted 811 and been tested for COVID-19. If any student or member of the school staff tests positive for COVID-19, we will inform parents and others in the school community.

Following the *Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*, personal health information about students or staff cannot be disclosed. This includes name, age or any other information that may identify an individual. This law protects every child's privacy, including yours.

This pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Children and young people look to the adults in their lives to guide them on how to react to worrying and stressful events. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about any anxieties and remind them to treat one another with kindness and respect, in person and on social media.

As a reminder: If you or your child show symptoms of COVID-19, you should:

1. Register online for a test by clicking "Get tested" on the GNB coronavirus website (www.gnb.ca/coronavirus); **or**
2. Contact Tele-Care 811; **or**
3. Contact your primary care provider.

Thank you for reading this letter and for helping keep our school, community, and province safe.

Sincerely,

Gregg Ingersoll

Superintendent