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Dear ASD-S Families,

With the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Saint John Health Region (Zone 2), which covers all of ASD-S, our area is moving to the Orange phase of recovery, as of midnight tonight. We understand families may have questions and increased concerns about what this means for their students.

It is important to remember that schools cannot share any personal or health related information about staff or students who are self-isolating or who have tested positive, for privacy reasons. However, Public Health investigates every confirmed case, and would notify any staff or student who was required to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed case. You do not need to inquire at the school – you would be notified.

Our move to the Orange phase requires enhanced safety measures for our staff and students. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created [this document](#), with Public Health, outlining the updated safety protocols, which include increased mask use at all grade levels and limiting of certain activities. Extra-curricular music activities, such as choir and band are not permitted at this time. Sport activities will be limited to practices within a single team. Please take the time to review this document for full details.

We ask all families to continue reminding students about the importance of hand washing/sanitizing; practicing good cough/sneeze etiquette; physical distancing; bringing 2 clean face masks each day; and monitoring for symptoms. If you have symptoms, you can visit [this site](#) to do a self-assessment and book a COVID-19 test.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to follow the safety guidelines provided to us by Public Health and EECD.

Zoë Watson,

Superintendent