

April 26th, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: **POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE AT GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL**

This is to inform of a positive COVID-19 case in our school. We are working with Public Health officials to identify any students and school personnel who may have been in contact with the case.

Public Health treats every case of COVID-19 as a variant of the virus. **That is why Public Health is requesting that all school personnel and students as well as any member of their households isolate until midnight, Thursday, April 29th, to allow for contact tracing and for testing. This means that school personnel, students and their families must remain at home. Anyone required to isolate is not allowed to participate in any activities, including going into work, or receive any visitors at the house.**

Testing will be mandatory for all students and school personnel in order for the isolation to be lifted. For those who choose to not be tested, the isolation period will be extended.

Please register your child online in the next 24 hours. You can do this by clicking “Get tested” on the GNB corona virus website [Coronavirus Exposure \(gnb.ca\)](https://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus). Please register your child under the group: “*Teacher and school personnel*” from George Street Middle School. This will give your child priority testing.

The school will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for operational response days to allow for cleaning of the school and contact tracing. More information on learning will be provided by your superintendent and principal in the following days.

It is natural to want to know if your child may have been exposed to the virus. Public Health officials will inform those who are at risk of the next steps, but to protect the privacy of students and school personnel, other details including names, will not be released.

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

Sincerely,
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