

May 25, 2021

**SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXPOSURE FOR CERTAIN FREDERICTON HIGH SCHOOL AND GEORGE STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is to inform you that there was a possible COVID-19 exposure for students on **Bus 210** carrying students to Fredericton High School (A-L, M-Z) as well as students to George Street Middle School on the mornings of May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. This message is only intended for students who were on Bus 210 on the mornings of the identified dates. If your child did not ride the bus on these days, this message is not applicable to you.

Starting this evening, May 25<sup>th</sup>, your child and all household members are required to self-isolate for 72 hours and self-monitor for 14 days. You will receive instructions on next steps prior to the end of the 72-hour period of self-isolation, which will end at 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Public Health requires students and families to do the following:

- Stay home from school and work and self-isolate in your home. As much as possible, you will need to keep two (2) metres from other people while you isolate. The end of your isolation period is May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. unless otherwise directed by Public Health.
- If possible, avoid taking any medication that could hide symptoms or a fever, such as ibuprofen (i.e. Advil) or acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol).

Household Instructions:

- The entire household must self-isolate until 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone in the household develops one or more symptoms, such as: fever (temperature greater than 38 degrees Celsius), a new cough, worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, headache, feeling tired, muscle pain, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, or children developing purple marks on their fingers and toes between now and June 4<sup>th</sup>, you should fill out the online Self-Assessment.

Students and families are also strongly encouraged to get tested by registering on-line on the Government of New Brunswick's Coronavirus page. Students and staff should identify as Teachers and School personnel when they get to the question: "Are you a member of one of the following groups?" Please identify the school name as **ASDW**. This will give you priority testing.

It is natural to want to know if your child may have been exposed to the virus but to protect the privacy of students and school personnel, other details, including names, will not be released.

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.

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, you should:

1. Register them online for a test by clicking “Get tested” on the GNB coronavirus website ([www.gnb.ca/coronavirus](http://www.gnb.ca/coronavirus)). OR
2. Contact Tele-Care 811.

The 811 operators will evaluate your child before sending them for testing. If you have questions that are health-related, please write to [COVID-19NB@gnb.ca](mailto:COVID-19NB@gnb.ca)

Thank you for your continued support as we respond to the pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristin Muecke".

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