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RE: COVID-19 Pre-Alert for ERS, BES, CCHS and LGMS

Dear Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools:

It has come to our attention that persons affiliated with ERS, BES, CCHS and LGMS have tested positive for COVID-19. As a precautionary measure to address this situation, certain classes at these schools were moved to at-home learning today. Parents of the students in the impacted classes have been contacted by the school administration. The school administration will communicate next steps with the families of students in these classes as soon as possible.

Every case of COVID-19 is investigated by Alberta Health Services (AHS). AHS will contact the parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in close contact with the positive case. Please monitor your phone and email accounts for any notifications by AHS.

It would be prudent for parents to keep their children home from school if they know there has been a potential exposure to COVID-19, until such time as they are able to determine if the exposure has led to an infection. Children and adults are **legally required to quarantine for 14 days** from the time they are exposed and monitor for symptoms if they are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases are rising in our province, including our communities. We request that whenever possible interactions are kept within your family bubble. If you receive any information pertaining to you or a family member regarding exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19, please inform your school administration as soon as possible.

Out of respect for the privacy of any families or children involved, we are unable to provide any further information about our most recent situation. Please refrain from phoning either the school or division office with regard to this matter.

A deep cleaning and sanitization of the classrooms will be occurring. Our facilities staff will continue to clean and disinfect the schools daily as per our ongoing practice.

We remind parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers to please remain vigilant and monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. The Alberta Health Daily

Checklist can be found <u>here</u>. Please remember to complete the checklist with your child/children each day prior to attending school.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee

Superintendent of Schools