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RE: COVID-19 Occurrence BES and BCHS: November 24, 2020

Dear Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools,

Today we were informed that a student at BES has tested positive for COVID-19. The student also has a sibling in BCHS. We will be moving the classes of these two students, along with their teachers, to At-Home-Learning as soon as possible.

For the class at BES, the students will be engaging in At-Home-Learning until December 8, 2020.

The class at BCHS will be engaging in At-Home-Learning while we wait for the test results of the sibling. Further information will be provided about the return to Face-to-Face Learning for this class when it is available. Parents of the students in the affected classes will be notified of next steps via email by school administration as soon as possible.

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 who have had direct contact with a positive case of COVID-19 must remain home and isolate for 14 days. AHS is experiencing a backlog in relation to contact tracing; therefore, 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 school daily as per our ongoing practice.

Our community is designated as an enhanced relaunch status. 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 here. Please remember to complete the checklist with your child/children each day prior to attending school.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools