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RE: COVID-19

Dear Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools,

On Sunday evening, CRPS was informed that two students (siblings) have been in direct contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, this morning, we learned that two additional additional students have been in direct contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. As a precautionary measure, we have temporarily moved these four affected classrooms to online learning; two at LGMS, one at CCHS and one at ERS. At this point, the return to face-to-face learning is dependent upon testing results. 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, except that this is a community sports-related case. 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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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