



November 7, 2020

RE: Joint communication with regard to a positive case of COVID-19 in the Junior Kindergarten Program at Elizabeth Rummel School

Dear Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools and the Canmore Community Daycare,

Further to the update by CRPS on November 6th, CRPS has received additional information regarding the third party report of a child at ERS whose parent had tested positive for COVID-19. Today Canmore Daycare received further information indicating that additional family members have tested positive. One of these family members attends the Junior Kindergarten Program run by Canmore Community Daycare at Elizabeth Rummel School. This child has not been in attendance at school since Tuesday.

In response to the positive COVID-19 case, AHS has recommended the closure of this daycare classroom for a minimum of 72 hours, so that they can do contact tracing and determine the direction that they will recommend for the Daycare program. It is with an overabundance of caution that Canmore Community Daycare are closing all Junior Kindergarten classes and the Marmot program for the period of November 9 – 13. Parents of children in these classes/programs will receive further communication no later than November 13th, once the staff of the daycare program have had an opportunity to work with AHS.

Out of respect for the privacy of any families or children involved, Canmore Daycare is unable to provide any further information. However, at the time of this writing, neither Canmore Daycare or CRPS are aware of any positive COVID cases of children or families in the Monday/Wednesday or Marmot class. The last day that the child attended the program was Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and they were not symptomatic at that time.

We are confident that the decision to close the JK/Marmot room is the right thing to do. CCDS wanted to inform you immediately of this situation so that all families can respond quickly by ensuring that they adhere to COVID-19 protocols to help keep everyone safe. This is a proactive measure to ensure the highest level of safety for children and families.

Elizabeth Rummel School will remain open to in-person learning for students. CRPS will work closely with Canmore Daycare and AHS to ensure that necessary measures continue to be in place to protect all

staff and students. This includes the cleaning and disinfecting of all items touched by the individual, as well as removing and storing items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected (paper, books, etc.) in a sealed container for a minimum of 72 hours as per AHS protocols. Our facilities staff have already enacted all cleaning protocols as directed by Environmental Public Health and no students have been in the school since Friday, November 6th, 2020.

Canmore Daycare and/or AHS will be communicating with those who have been in contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19. If you are not directly contacted by Canmore Daycare or AHS then your child is NOT a close contact and is not at increased risk from COVID-19.

We remind parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers, to 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. Canmore Community Daycare would also like to express their appreciation for your efforts in completing the daily screener and including your child's temperature.

If you or your child have any of the symptoms of illness listed on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist, please fill out the online [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811 and stay home/keep your child at home. We will continue to provide additional information to parents/guardians as it is available.

Working together with Canmore Daycare programs at ERS, the objective of CRPS remains the same - keeping our students and staff safe and keeping our schools open. We cannot do this without your help. Therefore, we will continue with our current rigorous structures, but will review these on a regular basis. If transmission rates continue to rise please be aware that a review of our current guidelines may also result in a tightening up of our protocols.

Please be vigilant in following AHS, Canmore Community Daycare and CRPS safety protocols. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep our students and your children safe. Together we can help create safe living and learning environments for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your school administration or the Canmore Community Daycare administration.

Sincerely,



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