

November 9, 2020

Dear Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools,

We are sending an important request to you this morning.

As we stated in our November 6th letter to families, we were not contacted by AHS directly regarding potential cases of COVID-19 that may have impacted CRPS students. Additionally, we are aware that individuals are waiting up to a week for notification that they were a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Of course, this creates a dangerous situation where individuals are potentially infecting others, as they are unaware of their close contact status.

Given this reality, it is **imperative** that you contact your school principal immediately (via email if on a weekend) regarding a child attending a CRPS school if:

- Your child tests positive for COVID-19.
- A member of your household tests positive for COVID-19.
- You become aware that a member of your household is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Sharing these pieces of important information will help us to keep our schools safe and open during these challenging times.

If you are interested in downloading the ABTraceTogether app which expedites close contact notifications, it can be [downloaded here](#). This link is provided for your information. CRPS is not suggesting that you download this app. This is a decision for individual families.

**Please note:**

You are legally required to **quarantine for 14 days** from the time you were exposed and monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19.

If you become sick with a [known COVID-19 symptom](#) during this time, you must **isolate for an additional 10 days** from the beginning of symptoms or until you are feeling well, whichever takes longer.

Therefore, even if one of your family members has no symptoms, or is feeling better, or tests negative for COVID-19 **everyone in the family must stay home for a full 14 days or longer**. **Further information can be found [here](#).**

We appreciate that hearing of COVID-19 cases that may impact the school your child/children attend can be very stressful and we understand the desire that some families have to obtain detailed information about these situations. We are *required* to keep this information in the strictest confidence and respectfully request that you *do not* try to obtain this information from our staff members. We ask for your cooperation and understanding in preventing and reducing

the social stigma surrounding families who have members that have tested positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support in working to keep our staff and students safe in our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher MacPhee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Christopher MacPhee,  
Superintendent of Schools