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Dear CRPS Families,

The Canadian Rockies Public School's (CRPS) team met this morning to review our COVID-19 protocols. The diligence of parents in keeping children at home when sick and the protocols currently in place, may be assisting in helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

Our absenteeism rates for staff and students have increased slightly in comparison to last week. The number of notifications of positive COVID-19 cases emailed by our schools to individual classes/grades in the last four days is more than double in comparison to last week. Therefore, the present protocols will remain in place for another week. These strengthened safety protocols will again be reviewed by the CRPS team on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Another update will be shared with all families at that time.

As per Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines, isolation helps prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staying home and avoiding others if you have symptoms or test positive, helps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.   Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are sick.

In regards to quarantining, AHS guidelines state close contacts of positive cases are not required to quarantine, but should:
  ○ Monitor for symptoms and avoid visiting high risk settings.
  ○ Get tested if symptoms develop.
Therefore, vaccinated students or students who have recently had COVID-19 in the last 60 days, who have family members who have tested positive, may attend school *provided those students are not displaying any symptoms*.

The safety of the Canadian Rockies Public Schools' staff and students continues to be our top priority. We are cognizant of the fact that having our schools remain open for in-person learning is also very important for student mental health. Thank you for your ongoing understanding as we work through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools