

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The health and safety of all students, staff and school communities is our top priority. Under the guidance of Public Health Officials and the Provincial Government, SD 52 continues to monitor the ongoing situation with regard to COVID-19 and we will provide updated information and resources on this page as becomes available. In response to phone calls and emails, here are some answers to some frequently asked questions.

### Frequently asked Questions

**1. What happens if there is a confirmed case at a school?**

Northern Health will initiate contact tracing to identify any individuals that need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms. If you are contacted by Northern Health Authority, please follow their advice carefully.

**2. Do staff or students need to stay home and self-isolate?**

**If you do not receive a phone call or letter from Northern Health, your child should continue to attend school.** As a reminder, please continue daily health checks to monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms. Students and staff must stay home if they have symptoms. If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to call 1-844-645-7811 (Virtual Clinic and Information Line) or 811.

**3. What are you doing to ensure staff and students' safety?**

The safety and well-being of our staff, students and families remains our highest priority. Please be reassured that our schools will continue to implement the strict protocols and procedures we have in place so that staff and students can continue to attend school as safely as possible. All schools in our District are following the provincial health and safety guidelines, and we will continue to work with the public health officials to determine if any other actions are necessary.

**4. Can you provide more information on confirmed cases?**

For privacy reasons, we cannot give out any further details.

**5. What happens if there is a rumour of a COVID case at the school?**

We understand there may be rumours in the community regarding potential COVID-19 cases. Please rest assured that if a member of the school were to test positive for COVID-19, Northern Health would follow up directly with any individuals who may have been exposed. We are committed to open and transparent communications with our staff and families. We will work with Northern Health to share information on COVID-19 exposures at our schools/District sites and those it may impact. As mentioned, school exposure information will also be posted online via Northern Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to your school Principal.