

October 19, 2020



We wanted to touch base with you about the notice you received last night regarding the positive COVID-19 case in Bowden Grandview School. No matter how meticulously your school has adhered to all the COVID-19 restrictions that have been set, we fully expected to be dealing with positive cases in our division and we know the case we are addressing is not a result of anyone falling below our new safety protocols.

We understand the need for clarity and transparency in this time of pandemic, so people can make informed decisions and retain the highest level of confidence. We will try to provide as much info regarding this situation as we can, while strictly protecting any and all identifying information.

The Central Office Leadership Team is working closely with your BGS admin team throughout this situation. Please rest assured that safety for our students and staff is always our biggest priority, and we are directing all of our attention to ensuring the highest level of safety at Bowden Grandview School at this time.

I want to remind you that if and when cases arise, we work closely with Alberta Health Services and take their lead as we move learning forward in our schools. In this case, we are liaising with AHS as they conduct their investigation. **If AHS determined that your child is considered a close contact, they will have notified you already via email.**

If we receive any additional information that we feel is helpful for you to know and that we are able to provide, we will do so. Currently, this is the information we are able to share:

- We take our lead from Alberta Health Services and are working closely with them regarding this situation, and will continue to do so until it is resolved.
- All information regarding a positive case must be strictly confidential, and discussion must be held with a high regard for discretion. Please understand some information simply cannot be shared.
- We want to assure you we are working closely with AHS and ensuring the highest levels of safety. All sanitation protocols continue to be in place.
- Our school remains open and learning will continue for all students.

As you discuss this situation with your child, it is important not to be overly alarming. We are confident our measures will ensure they are in good hands while at school and, if they have been practising COVID-19 protocols, there is not going to be anything significantly different about their school experience. For information on how to talk to your child about COVID-19, please visit the [COVID-19 Information](#) page of our website. We want our students to be aware, but to feel safe and confident at school.

Thank you for your support and attention as we all move forward together during these unprecedented times. We look forward to welcoming your child in their safe and caring school.

Yours truly,

Kurt Sacher
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