

November 23, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate the effects that COVID-19 is having on our learning community. Although we continue to believe that face to face learning is the best way to reach students and we recognize the tremendous impact this situation has had on our families, we will always put the safety and well-being of our students and staff first.

As you know, we have had a positive case of COVID-19 identified at our school last week and as a result most students in grades 1-10 have been identified as close contacts and have been sent home to isolate until Wednesday, December 2. During the isolation, students are **legally required to stay at home** as per [AHS guidelines](#). For those asked to isolate, AHS also recommends COVID testing as soon as possible by completing the [COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool](#) or calling Health Link at 811. We are working closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. Alberta Health Services will be sending an email with these details to all close contacts.

Students in playschool, Kindergarten and grades 11 and 12 will continue to come to school on Monday (unless you have been contacted and told that your child has been identified as a close contact). Only those students who have been identified as close contacts with the positive case are required to isolate. Siblings and other family members who have not been deemed close contacts do not have to isolate.

Below please find Alberta Health Services flow chart which further explains what to do if your child has been identified as a close contact.

[Link to AHS Document for Parents of Children Attending School](#)

We want you to know teaching and learning continues at Bowden Grandview for all students. Students in grades 1-10 (and those in other grades who are also isolating) will be contacted by their teacher and will be given information about accessing their work via Google Classroom and with Google Meet. This will be the primary venue for your child's continued learning during this time.

It is very important that your child completes the work assigned in the Google classroom and joins the Meets arranged by teachers during their absence. **If at all possible students should have access to their own Chromebook.** If this is not possible, please contact the office to sign one out on Monday.

Buses will continue to run for those students who will be attending classes in person.

We are so proud of the positive response from our students, families and staff, who have been incredibly understanding as we deal with this situation. Thank you, parents, for coming so quickly to pick up your child on Friday. We know that this was an inconvenience on your part.

Kindness and support of one another is so important during these unprecedented events. Now more than ever our partnership with parents is ensuring we can successfully move your child's learning forward together and we thank you for working alongside us. Please make sure you are monitoring the Google Meets and are checking the Google classrooms on a daily basis, and email your child's teacher with any questions.

We look forward to welcoming those students who are in isolation back on Wednesday, December 2. Until then, take care and we will see you online.

Jeff Thompson
Principal

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Vice Principal