



November 8, 2020

RE: School Community Members Tested Positive for COVID-19

Dear Families,

Additional members of the Kelowna Secondary School community have tested positive for COVID-19. They are self-isolating at home with support from local public health teams.

These individuals were present on the school campus November 2-4. Interior Health confirmed these cases are related to social interactions outside of the school environment and they are not related to any previously identified cases from Kelowna Secondary School.

We are supporting Interior Health as they undertake contact tracing to determine if any other members of our school community were in contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19, and if any additional steps are required. We are following the protocol established for these circumstances:

- The health authority is performing contact tracing;
- The health authority will determine if anyone in the school community was in contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were potentially infectious;
- The health authority will determine if anyone in the school community is a close contact that is required to self-isolate.

Only the health authority can determine who is a close contact. If you are contacted by Interior Health, please follow their advice.

If you are not contacted by Interior Health, you can continue to attend school. Interior Health is recommending that all students and staff remain vigilant in monitoring for symptoms for COVID-19. Testing is encouraged for anyone who develops symptoms. Please continue to follow the school's COVID-19 safety measures such as wearing masks when physical distancing cannot be achieved, and exercise proper hand hygiene. BC COVID-19 Assessment Tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19>

The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority. Please be reassured that Kelowna Secondary School will continue to implement the strict protocols and procedures we have in place so students can continue to attend school as safely as possible.

Students should continue to come to school while contact tracing is underway. We will continue to work closely with Interior Health to provide ongoing communication as required.

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, please call 811. We will continue to work closely with Interior Health Authority to provide ongoing communication as required.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO