

# Notice of a Positive COVID-19 Case in your Student's Cohort

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## A Positive Case of COVID-19 has been identified in your student's cohort

Dear Families,

A positive case of COVID-19 has been identified in a person at Kingston Collegiate & Vocational Institute and belongs to one of your student's bus cohorts. Your student must not return to school as they may have had close contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and may possibly have been infected with COVID-19.

It is important to keep your student home to self-isolate. Please **DO NOT** bring your student for testing if they **DO NOT** have symptoms. Please keep your student at home. You will be contacted by KFL&A Public Health directly with more information and guidance on what to do next. Our school will continue to work closely with KFL&A Public Health to respond to this situation.

KFL&A Public Health is working with the school to identify cohorts of students and staff who may have been in close contact with the COVID-19 positive person at school or during school transportation, if applicable. Not all students will be affected by the positive case.

### What should you do?

- Take your student directly home to self-isolate.
- DO NOT bring your student for testing if they DO NOT have symptoms. Please keep your student at home.
- Follow the direction of KFL&A Public Health on what to do next.
- Family members, siblings, and other household members DO NOT isolate if they do not have symptoms.
- If your student who is a contact of the positive case shows symptoms of COVID-19 they should be tested for COVID-19, and all household members should isolate while waiting for the results.
- If you receive two letters (one **indicating** a positive case of COVID-19 in your student's cohort and one indicating a positive case in your student's school), follow the directions in this letter until you hear otherwise from KFL&A Public Health.

### **What will KFL&A Public Health do?**

- Public Health Nurses will contact individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and will be in contact with the school.\*
- KFL&A Public Health will identify and contact all individuals (including students and staff) who had close contact with the person who tested positive.\*
- KFL&A Public Health will provide direction to close contacts and the school to protect students and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **What will the school do?**

- The school will provide KFL&A Public Health with contact information for individuals the student or staff member was in contact with while at school, including before and after school care and on the bus, if applicable.
- The school will clean and disinfect all areas in the school where the individual may have been.
- The school will work with KFL&A Public Health to develop a plan to protect all students and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **When can my student return to school?**

- KFL&A Public Health will provide guidance on when your student may return to school

\*Note: Personal health information may be provided to schools only for the purpose of contact tracing. Schools must protect the personal information of their students and staff. The name of the individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and their contacts will not be disclosed publicly.

For more information visit the KFL&A Public Health website at [kflaph.ca](http://kflaph.ca), where you will find fact sheets, and information on COVID-19 symptoms and screening, self-monitoring, self-isolation, and testing. On the website you can also find the COVID-19 dashboard which provides up to date information on COVID-19 in KFL&A.

Sincerely,

**KFL&A Public Health**