

Public Health Notice to School Community
Additional Confirmed Case of COVID-19 at New Germany Rural High

May 1, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff,

Earlier today, Public Health informed you of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at New Germany Rural High School. Through our investigation, we have discovered an additional confirmed case connected to your school. Based on our findings to date, potential exposure to COVID-19 could have happened on April 21, 23, 28 and/or 29th.

Please Note: We have made a correction to the letter you received earlier. All students and staff do not need to be tested – only those identified by Public Health.

If you do not receive a separate letter and/or phone call, your child is NOT a close contact.

We recognize that receiving this information may be stressful and want to ensure you understand the process going forward.

Through our investigation, Public Health will:

- identify anyone who has come into close contact with the case
- send a letter to all close contacts as soon as possible
- follow-up with the close contacts directly and arrange further sequential testing

All parents/guardians/staff are asked to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. The daily checklist is available at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf>

If you, your child or anyone in your household has or develops:

- fever
- cough (new or worsening)
- sore throat
- runny nose
- headache
- shortness of breath

Complete a COVID-19 self-assessment online by visiting <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en> or call 811.

You can find more information about COVID-19, self-isolation, proper hand-hygiene, mask use and other ways to keep yourself safe at novascotia.ca/coronavirus.

We are working closely with South Shore Regional School Board and the school to make sure necessary measures are in place to protect students and staff. Your school will provide more details on the steps they are taking to limit the exposure.

Thank you,

Public Health, Nova Scotia Health