

September 20, 2020

Meadows School  
1220 - 22nd Street  
Brandon, MB R7B 1T4

Dear Parent/Guardian of Meadows School:

Manitoba public health officials have advised Meadows School of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school portable on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This case was not acquired at school.

Meadows School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Upon learning of this information, the school immediately closed off areas used by the infected person. Thorough deep cleaning and disinfecting has occurred over the weekend and these areas will be ready for students and staff on Monday.

Be assured that public health investigations begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test to identify individuals who may have been exposed. Anyone identified as a close contact will be contacted and provided instructions for self-isolation (quarantine). Testing may also be recommended.

Public health has recommended that all students and staff in the same room as the case be identified as close contacts and advised to self-isolate. This class will be transitioned to remote learning as of Monday, Sept. 21st. At the present time, public health anticipates that remote learning will continue until Thursday, Oct. 1, but this may be lengthened or shortened as the investigation continues. Anyone who is in the class will be contacted directly by public health. The school will remain open to all other students and staff, who can continue to attend school in person.

Please note: the school is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed case of COVID-19 to any member of the school, parent, community or media.

If you have not been contacted by public health officials, your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. However, if your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. Call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 for information on testing and isolation.

A	B
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom-free for 24 hours. Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,



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 Manitoba Health

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