



Geraldton Composite High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

We have received notification of COVID-19 exposure impacting the B.A. Parker Public School and possibly the Geraldton Composite High School. We are working with TBDHU to make sure all potential risks are minimized.

At this time, all known close contacts of any case are being called by the school and are being sent instructions for moving forward. All students and staff from the B.A. Parker Public School are required by the Public Health Unit to immediately self-isolate until further notice. Parents/caregivers and other persons in the household of the student or staff member **who do not have symptoms** should be **staying home except for essential reasons**, for the duration of the contact's isolation period. Essential reasons could include going to work and going out for essential errands such as groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions.

Unless you have been notified by the school that your child has been deemed high risk OR you/your family member has symptoms, please DO NOT contact the local Assessment Centre. The Assessment Centre will call the families of the students who are required to be tested. This may take a few days. In the meantime, ensure that self-isolation occurs.

Due to our COVID-19 prevention strategies in place, both the B.A. Parker Public School and the Geraldton Composite High School will be closed to in person learning for the next 2 days beginning March 24, 2021. Starting March 24, 2021, students can access learning through the Edsby platform during these two days.

Communication will follow regarding the distribution of learning devices and the length of the transition to remote learning for each of the schools.

This information will be added to our COVID-19 Advisory Page on our Board website at <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/covid-19-advisories>. As per Ministry requirements, all confirmed cases in schools will be uploaded to this website.

For reasons of privacy, we will minimize sharing personal information about any case and encourage others to avoid identifying individuals.



Although we have put in place strict COVID-19 prevention strategies, such as physical distancing, cohorting, time outdoors and enhanced cleaning during the day and in the evening, the virus can be brought into the school unknowingly. If your child develops any symptom, please contact the local assessment center to get tested.

Our students' safety and health are our top priorities and we will continue to keep you informed as the situation progresses.

If you have questions, please contact TBDHU at 1-888-294-6630. We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates as we know more. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school Principal or Vice-Principal.

Sincerely,

Carlo Porretta, Principal

Tom Rivers, Vice-Principal, Geraldton Composite High School

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