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Dear Stelly's School Families,

This letter is to provide notification that an individual who is a confirmed COVID-19 case attended Stelly's Secondary School on Mon Feb 1, 2020. The impacted individual is self-isolating at home.

We are working with Island Health to determine if there is any risk to other members of our school community or if any additional steps are required. The protocol in such circumstances is as follows:

- Island Health has initiated contact tracing;
- Island Health will determine how the individual was infected and if there were any close contacts;
- Island Health will determine if others will need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms and will contact those individuals directly; and,
- Only public health can determine who is a close contact.

More information from our health authority can be found in the attached letter.

If Island Health contacts you, please follow their advice carefully. If you do not receive a phone call or letter from them, your child should continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms compatible with COVID-19 as per the attached health check-list. To ensure personal privacy rights are maintained and that information is accurate, schools and school districts are not permitted to provide any statements about potential or confirmed COVID-19 cases unless directed to do so by our regional medical health officer at Island Health.

As a reminder, please continue daily health checks to monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms. Students and staff must stay home even if they have mild symptoms.

The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority. Please be reassured that our school will continue to implement the health and safety protocols and procedures we have from the Provincial Health Office and the BC Centre for Disease Control so that students can continue to attend school as safely as possible. We have reminded students and staff throughout the district that if they have symptoms, please stay home and follow the guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control.

We will continue to work closely with the health authority to provide ongoing communication as required. If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to call 811.

Sincerely,

Dave Eberwein
Superintendent of Schools

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Process

Daily Health Check			
1. Key symptoms of Illness	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	Circle one	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should seek testing for COVID19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.