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### **UPDATE RE: School COVID-19 Potential Exposure**

Dear families,

A student in Nisga'a Elementary Secondary school has tested positive for COVID-19. They are self-isolating at home with support from local public health teams. Your child may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus between February 26 – March 2.

We are supporting Nisga'a Valley Health Authority as they undertake contact tracing to determine if your child is a primary contact. We are following the protocol established for these circumstances:

- The health authority is prioritizing those identified as primary contacts;
- The health authority will determine if your child is identified as a primary contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were potentially infectious;
- While waiting for the health authority to determine those within the school community who may be a close contact NVHA Medical Director has requested that families with children in the school self-isolate.
  - If there are Elders or immunocompromised, medically fragile members of the household please ensure they are isolated from children, all common areas are cleaned several times throughout the day with a 10 parts water to 1 part bleach solution (or other disinfectant)
    - Common areas include kitchen, bathroom and other shared living areas
- If anyone in the household develops flu like symptoms, even if mild, please call your local health center to book a COVID-19 test

Only the health authority can determine who is considered a primary contact.

BCCDC Contact tracing: [Contact tracing \(bccdc.ca\)](https://www.bccdc.ca)

If you are contacted by Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, please consider the health and wellness of the Nation in following their advice.

If you are **not** contacted by Nisga'a Valley Health Authority, it has been determined that your child is not identified as being at risk of developing COVID-19. However please continue to self-

isolate as the NVHA is working to contact all those affected and it may take several days to be contacted.

To ensure personal privacy rights are maintained, we will not be providing additional details.

The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority.

Please continue daily health checks within your household and monitor your child for illness.

We will continue to work closely with Nisga'a Valley Health Authority to provide ongoing communication as required.

Because of this positive case and potential exposure **we will be starting spring break for students tomorrow – March 3.**

The provincial restrictions are still in place. Please continue to follow them.

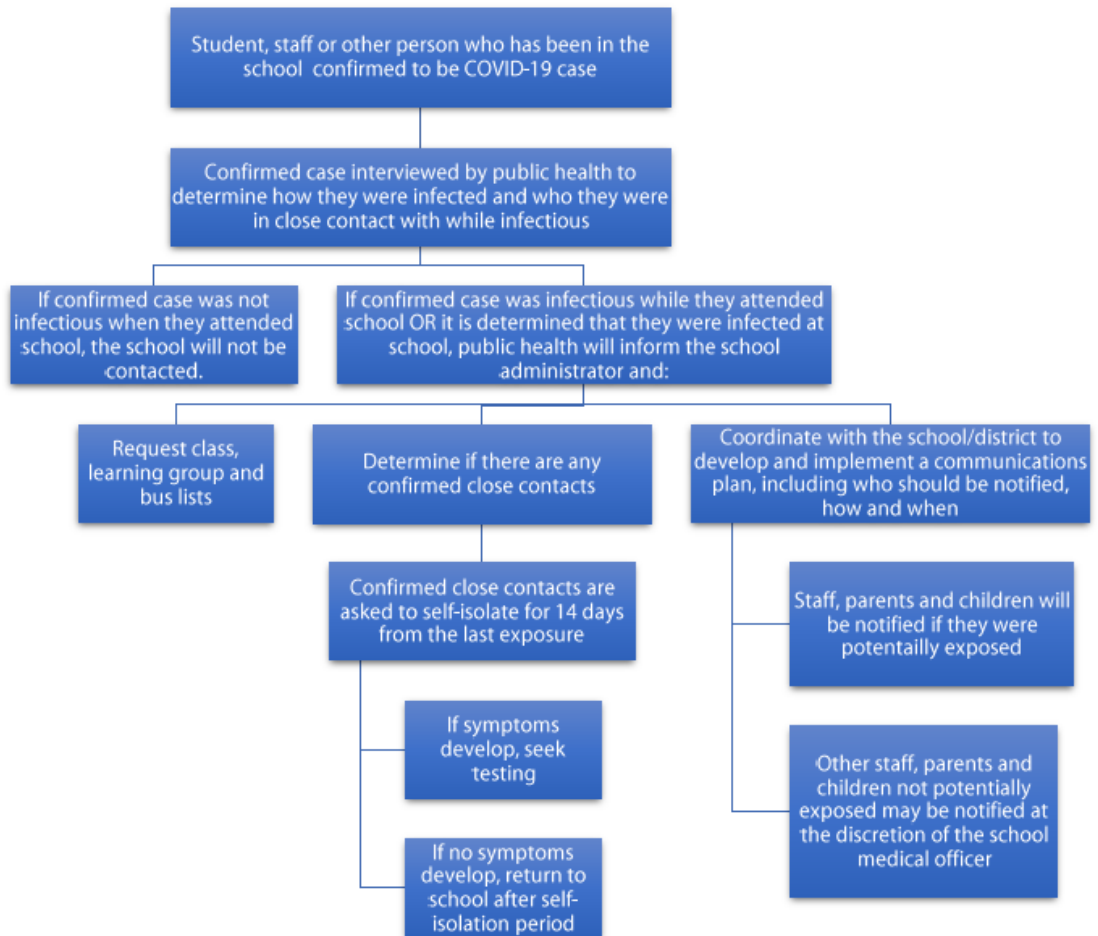
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>

Remember to be kind and respectful as we each do our part to get through these challenging times. Everyone be safe and take care of yourselves.



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Figure A: Public Health Actions in Response to Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in a School



*Confirmed close contacts are determined based on the length of time of exposure and nature of the interaction. **Only public health can determine who is a close contact.***