Bow Valley High School

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Date November 3, 2021

Dear staff, parents, guardians, and families,
We have received information that one or more individuals from Bow Valley High School have tested positive for COVID-19. For privacy reasons, we will not be sharing more information about the individual(s).

Our school remains open for in-class learning and you can continue to attend school, UNLESS you are notified by Alberta Health Services (AHS) that you must stay home OR if you develop symptoms. We will continue with our various COVID-19 related protocols including increased emphasis on hand washing/sanitizing, physical distancing where possible, cohorting in grades K-6, masking, enhanced cleaning, and other measures described in Rocky View Schools' 2021/22 Return to School Operational Plan.

For full transparency related to any possible exposures, this letter has been sent to the entire school community and includes potential points of exposure. Below are the class(es), bus route(s), and any other known school activities and dates that the positive individual(s) may have attended while infectious.

Possible exposure may have occurred in:
- American Sign Language Block 2 (October 28th and 29th)
- Social Studies 20-1 Block 3 (October 28th and 29th)
- Mathematics 20-1 Block 4 (October 28th and 29th)

Based on current government requirements, **individuals who may have had exposure in these classes, buses, and activities do NOT need to quarantine and may come to school.** AHS recommends that individuals not fully vaccinated who may have had exposure based on the dates above, avoid for 14 days:
- crowded public places such as restaurants, sports and recreation activities, social events, or other public settings (attendance at school or childcare is permitted as long as they do not have symptoms);
- contact with vulnerable persons such as seniors, immunocompromised individuals, and those with chronic health conditions; and
- non-essential visits to hospitals or continuing care facilities.

Please be extra watchful and if exposed individuals develop COVID-19 related symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell), they must isolate and should get tested. Since your child was potentially exposed to a person with COVID-19, there is a higher chance that they have (or will have) the infection. Even if they do not have symptoms, your child may be able to spread COVID-19 to other people. Ensure that individuals stay home if they are sick. Anyone answering YES to any of the questions on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist, need to follow the guidance provided on that checklist and/or complete the COVID-19 self-assessment for Albertans and follow the directions provided. It is important that the checklist be completed daily at home. Household contacts of a case of COVID-19 are strongly recommended to stay home and NOT attend school, childcare, or other activities. For questions about COVID-19, visit alberta.ca/covid19 or call 811.

If you or your child is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine and is not fully vaccinated with two doses, please book an appointment online or call 811. Anyone born in 2009 or earlier is eligible for vaccination.

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Our thoughts are with the individual(s) who have COVID-19. We wish them a quick recovery and look forward to their return to school when they are well, and able to return. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jim Reilly - Principal