

CONTACT TRACING IN SCHOOLS

What steps does Public Health take when a case of COVID-19 is reported in a school community?



- STEP 1:** Public Health receives notice a person connected to a school community has tested positive for COVID-19.
- STEP 2:** Public Health starts a case investigation. This includes identifying close contacts of the person.
- STEP 3:** Public Health finds out if the person could have passed the virus on to others while at school.



IF YES, Public Health contacts school principal and local RCE/CSAP/MK* to let them know we are investigating.



IF NO, there is no further action required for the school community.

*RCE: Regional Centre for Education / CSAP: Conseil scolaire acadien provincial / MK: Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey

- STEP 4:** Public Health collects data and looks closely at the COVID-19 risk for the school community.
- STEP 5:** Public Health prepares a general notice for the principal to send to the entire school/staff/parent community.
- STEP 6:** Public Health finds out who was in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 in school.



FOR CLOSE CONTACTS, Public Health prepares a letter for the school to send to close contacts only. Public Health interviews the close contacts and provides direction for isolation and testing.



FOR PERSONS NOT IN CLOSE CONTACT, no further contact is made.



When there are no additional cases, Public Health closes the investigation.

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