

School Messenger – Positive COVID-19 Test

Good Morning Russell Reid Families,

This is Principal Mark Fraser. I'm reaching out with an important message.

Last night, the Brant County Health Unit confirmed a positive case of COVID-19 in our school community. Understandably, for privacy reasons, the identity of this individual will not be disclosed.

This individual has been directed by the health unit to [self-isolate](#) for 14 days, along with any siblings or family members who reside in the same household. The health unit is in direct contact with students, staff and families who have been deemed close contacts to this COVID-19 case. They too have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

A close contact includes any students or staff in this individual's class, but may also include others. Students and staff were identified through contact tracing as we provided the health unit with our class lists and seating charts as well as information related to before-and-after school care, transportation and any other special assignments.

Moving forward, all Russell Reid students and staff are asked to monitor their health. If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, please contact your primary health care provider. Anyone concerned that they may have developed or been exposed to COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested.

Our school will be open tomorrow for those who have not been identified as close contacts. Grand Erie custodians will disinfect our school overnight before we return to in-class instruction.

Russell Reid staff will work with students and families to ensure learning continues for those who are self-isolating.

The individual who tested positive as well as all close contacts must complete their isolation period and be able to pass the [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#) before returning to school.

Thank you.