

School Messenger – COVID-19 Test

Good Evening Walpole North Families,

This is Principal Randy Ongena. I'm reaching out tonight with an important message.

This afternoon, the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit confirmed a 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 has also been 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 transportation and any other special assignments.

Moving forward, all Walpole North 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 are not self-isolating. Grand Erie custodians have completed a disinfecting of our school.

Walpole North 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 Self-Assessment Tool](#) before returning to school.

Thank you.