School Messenger – COVID-19

Good Morning Lakewood Elementary School Families,

This is Principal David Van Laecke. I apologize for the early-morning message, but I'm reaching out with some important information.

Late last night, 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, along with any family members who reside in the same household.

Upon receiving this news, we immediately contacted the students and staff initially identified by the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit as close contacts to this COVID-19 case. The Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit will be in direct contact with these individuals as they work through their contact tracing. The health unit will provide further direction and next steps to these individuals.

If your family was not contacted last night, you have not been identified as a close contact at this time. If further Lakewood students or staff are impacted, the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit will let us know as soon as possible.

Lakewood Elementary School remains open and we look forward to seeing everyone who has not been directed to self-isolate today. Grand Erie custodians continue to complete their disinfecting of our school each and every night. Moving forward, Lakewood staff will work with students and families to ensure learning continues for those who are required to self-isolate.

A friendly reminder that all Grand Erie students and staff are required to monitor their health daily. If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, please contact your primary health care provider. Anyone concerned they may have developed or been exposed to COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested.

If you have any questions, please take a look at the COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions on the board's website at www.granderie.ca or you can reach out to us here at the school.

Thank you.