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RE: Member of School Community with Confirmed Novel Coronavirus Case (COVID-19)

Dear Coast Meridian Elementary school community:

A member of the school community recently tested positive for COVID-19, and as we do for every confirmed case, Fraser Health Public Health initiated in-depth contact tracing of their close contacts. After a thorough risk assessment, Fraser Health has deemed the risk to Coast Meridian Elementary school community as extremely low.

We have provided all schools with guidance for increased frequency of cleaning and increased opportunities for students and staff to clean their hands – as important ways of reducing the risk of transmitting this infection.

Public Health officials have not recommended the closure of any schools in British Columbia at this time.

We also want to reinforce what we are sharing with all members of the public on how to best protect yourselves and reduce the chance of spread.

We recommend protective measures such as;

- Staying home if you are sick
- Regular Hand washing for at least 20 seconds using soap and water
- Using alcohol-based hand rubs to clean hands if they are not visibly soiled
- Avoiding touching your face/eyes/mouth with unwashed hands
- Covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow

Importantly, we are NOT recommending COVID-19 assessment or testing for anyone in receipt of this letter. Anyone who is concerned about their need for assessment should call 811.

For more information on COVID-19, please see: www.bccdc.ca. In addition, Fraser Health has developed a webpage where we answer common questions about COVID-19 available at fraserhealth.ca/coronavirus