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請找人替閣下翻譯這重要通告。이것은 중요한 통지입니다. 꼭 번역하여 읽으십시오.

यह बहुत ज़रूरी नोटिस है एसका हिन्दी में अनुवाद कराईये।

Ito ay importanteng impormasyon. Mangyaring isalin ito sa Tagalog.

October 18, 2020

Dear L.A. Matheson Secondary School community,

Please find attached a notification from Fraser Health. This notice does not mean that your child has been exposed to COVID-19. This Early Notification letter is an alert that someone within the school community has tested positive for COVID-19 and if there was any increased risk to your child, you would be contacted directly by Fraser Health.

Our district is committed to transparency and we will continue to notify our school community of COVID-19 exposures at our schools as soon as public health informs us.

- This exposure alert is a general notice that someone who has tested positive for COVID has been at school. The dates that this individual attended school are included in the notice.
- These notices do not mean that your child has been exposed to COVID-19.

What happens next?

- If Fraser Health identifies anyone at the school that needs to self-monitor or self-isolate, they will be contacted directly. That contact often occurs within 24 to 48 hours but may be shorter or longer depending on the circumstances.
- If you do not receive a phone call or letter, please continue to attend school and monitor for [symptoms](#) compatible with COVID-19 as per our school policy.

Again, please see the attached letter for additional information from Fraser Health. For privacy reasons, we cannot provide any further details.

If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to call 811.

Sincerely,



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October 18, 2020

**RE: COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**

Dear Parent,

The intent of this letter is to provide early notification of an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 at your child's school and to advise you on next steps being taken by public health. Public health is following up on this exposure according to school-based guidelines similar to those in other workplaces and community settings.

Receiving this letter does not mean you have been exposed to COVID-19. Case(s) have been isolated, and there is no direct exposure risk at this time.

An individual with COVID-19 was at your child's school **L. A. Matheson Secondary**, (9484 122 St, Surrey, BC) on:

**October 9, 2020**

As a result, Public Health:

- has initiated contact tracing to rapidly identify any staff and students that need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms.
- will continue to investigate the exposure at the school
- will only phone staff and students that public health has identified as needing to **self-isolate** for 14 days from when they were exposed.
- may send letters to staff and students who will be asked to **self-monitor** for symptoms. These staff/students may continue to attend school while monitoring for symptoms.

It is important to note that receipt of this letter does not mean you will be contacted by public health. You will not be contacted by public health unless you were directly exposed to COVID-19.

Please have your child continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms compatible to COVID-19 as per your school policies.

For privacy reasons, we cannot give out any specific details on the COVID-19 exposure other than the information provided above.

***Please continue to attend school.***

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## HOW IS COVID-19 SPREAD?

This virus is spread between people by droplets. This means you need to be close enough to be exposed to saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of the infected person.

## WHAT IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

- Isolate yourself and/or your child from others.
- Get assessed for COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- Contact 8-1-1 or your doctor to find out if you should be tested for COVID-19.

### How to self-isolate

Scan this QR code or visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website:



[bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Self-isolation.pdf](https://bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Self-isolation.pdf)

### Where to get tested

To find the nearest testing locations scan this QR code or visit our website:



▪ [fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/testing](https://fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/testing)

## WHERE CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

- To speak with someone in your language call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 with any questions or concerns.
- For more information about COVID-19, go to the BC Centre for Disease Control website at [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca) and select 'COVID-19 for the public' or you can scan this QR code:
- Additional resources and answers to frequently asked questions are available at: [fraserhealth.ca/coronavirus](https://fraserhealth.ca/coronavirus), [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca) or you can scan this QR code:



*Note: A "QR code" (short for 'Quick Response' code) is a type of barcode you can scan with your smart device's camera. Once scanned, it takes you to that web page.*

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 Call Centre  
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