



Sunday, December 13, 2020

Good evening Westhaven families:

This afternoon, I learned from a family at our school that they have children who have tested positive for Covid-19. The family was notified by another agency that their youngest child (who does not attend our school) may have been exposed to the virus. The family was proactive and kept all the older siblings at home and away from school from December 5 onward. One of the children, who attends Westhaven, has since tested positive for Covid-19 and other family members are currently undergoing testing. The family has been in contact with me and with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to ensure that all procedures were followed to keep other students and staff members as safe as possible. Because the family was proactive and kept all their children at home and isolated from others at the school, AHS does not consider this an “in-school” case of Covid-19, and other students and staff are not required to quarantine. In addition, AHS does not require the school to contact trace in this case as there aren’t other Westhaven students who are considered to be ‘Close Contacts’ because the family was all at home self-isolating.

We do know that cases of the virus have increased significantly in our area over the last few weeks. We continue to be ready and vigilant at the school level to implement any recommendations that we receive from AHS. Thank you to the parents who continue to be proactive and who are keeping their children at home if they show any symptoms or if they may have come in contact with someone who is sick.

Please feel free to contact me at the school with any questions or concerns you may have. If you are unsure about anything health-related, contact AHS Health Link by calling 811 or go onto the website at [Alberta Health Services Covid-19 Info](#)

I wish you and yours a truly relaxing, safe, and healthy holiday season. The very best to each and every one of you and thank you for your on-going support of our school community.

Sincerely,
Debra Boos, Principal