

# Townhall Public Questions

## Question

1. Public Health has declined to release community level data on circulating COVID cases, but has agreed to release school exposures. Why the difference?

## Answer

- Most cases in a community do not exposure potentially large numbers of people in public settings, so do not need to be the subject of any public notification.
- Public notifications of school exposure have helped to maintain public confidence in school safety, thereby avoiding unnecessary school closure, which has many unintended negative consequences.
- We would also potentially make announcements about other public exposures where close contacts cannot be identified and notified directly, despite not releasing total numbers for the community.

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