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**RE: Potential COVID-19 exposure to students and staff of Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School – Masset, in attendance Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**

Dear Families,

Northern Health Authority has informed our School District regarding, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School, that a student and staff may have been in contact with a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**.

We are supporting Northern Health Authority as we are following the **protocol** established for these circumstances:

<https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/public-exposures-and-outbreaks# covid-19-school-exposures# covid-19-public-exposures# covid-19-communityfacility-outbreaks>

#### **COVID-19 school exposures**

Northern Health updates this list with the notification information of possible exposures to COVID-19 within schools in the NH region. We are providing this information so school staff, students and parents can be assured that Public Health is following up in their community and exposure risks are being mitigated to the best of our ability.

#### **COVID-19 school notification process:**

If a student or teacher receives a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, Public Health follows a rigorous protocol:

- Contact tracing is initiated to determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- We identify and notify close contacts who may be at an increased risk, and advise them to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- Only Public Health can determine who is a close contact. Learning groups, friends or other connections may not be determined to be a close contact.
- Public Health staff works closely with the school and school district throughout the case and contact management process to maintain close communication with the school community.

#### **If your child's school receives a notification of exposure:**

A notification does not mean your child has been exposed to COVID-19.

If you do not receive a phone call or letter from Public Health, your child should continue to attend school. You can monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms daily using the [BC COVID-19 Health Assessment Tool](#).

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, visit our [Coronavirus Information \(COVID-19\)](#) page or [B.C.'s Back to School Plan](#)

**If your child's school has been notified of an exposure, no action is required unless you are contacted by Public Health or are otherwise directed by school officials.**

**Public Health will contact you directly in case of any school exposure involving your child.**

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Superintendent of Schools