

## CONTACT TRACING IN SCHOOLS

# What steps does Public Health take when a case of COVID-19 is reported in a school community?



- STEP 1:** Public Health receives notice a person connected to a school community has tested positive for COVID-19.
- STEP 2:** Public Health starts a case investigation. This includes identifying close contacts of the person.
- STEP 3:** Public Health finds out if the person could have passed the virus on to others while at school.



**IF YES,** Public Health contacts school principal and local RCE/CSAP/MK\* to let them know we are investigating.



**IF NO,** there is no further action required for the school community.

\*RCE: Regional Centre for Education / CSAP: Conseil scolaire acadien provincial / MK: Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey

- STEP 4:** Public Health collects data and looks closely at the COVID-19 risk for the school community.
- STEP 5:** Public Health prepares a general notice for the principal to send to the entire school/staff/parent community.
- STEP 6:** Public Health finds out who was in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 in school.



**FOR CLOSE CONTACTS,** Public Health prepares a letter for the school to send to close contacts only. Public Health interviews the close contacts and provides direction for isolation and testing.



**FOR PERSONS NOT IN CLOSE CONTACT,** no further contact is made.



**When there are no additional cases,** Public Health closes the investigation.

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