



**PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH
SANTÉ PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN**

November 15, 2020

MacKenzie Middle School Dauphin
212 1 St NE,
Dauphin, MB R7N 1B7

Dear Parent/Guardian of MacKenzie Middle School student(s),

Manitoba public health officials advised MacKenzie Middle School on November 15, 2020 of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school on Monday Nov 9, 2020 and Tuesday Nov 10, 2020 when they may have been infectious.

MacKenzie Middle School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations.

Be assured that public health investigations to identify individuals who may have been exposed begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test. Anyone identified as a close contact will be contacted by phone or letter and provided instructions for self-isolation (quarantine). Testing may also be recommended.

Based on the public health investigation, this exposure was assessed to be low risk. The infection was not believed to be acquired at school. Close contacts connected to the case have been identified and advised to self-isolate. Anyone who is a close contact has received a close contact letter or phone call from public health.

Please note: MacKenzie Middle School is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed case of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community or media.

If you have not received a close contact letter or phone call from public health officials, you/ your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. If your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. You may go directly to the nearest COVID-19 testing location during their open hours. For the testing site nearest you, please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html>, or call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

| A | B |
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| Fever/Chills | Runny nose |
| Cough | Muscle aches |
| Sore throat/hoarse voice | Fatigue |
| Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing | Pink eye (conjunctivitis) |
| Loss of taste or smell | Headache |
| Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours | Skin rash of unknown cause |
| | Nausea or loss of appetite |
| | Poor feeding (if an infant) |

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 11 if the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Davinder Singh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Davinder Singh
Medical Officer of Health