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November 21, 2020

WMEMS Katherine Friesen  
26 Agassiz Drive  
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Dear Parent/Guardian of students at WMEMS Katherine Friesen,

Manitoba public health officials advised WMEMS Katherine Friesen today of two confirmed cases of COVID-19 present in the school on November 12 and 13, 2020 when the individuals may have been infectious.

WMEMS Katherine Friesen is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Based on the public health investigation, the exposures were assessed to be low risk overall for the school community. The infections are not believed to be acquired at school. There is no known connection between these cases. There is no known connection with the previously announced case at the school (teacher in gr 3/4 cohort which is also assessed as a low risk overall for the school community).

Close contacts of the cases have been advised to self-isolate (quarantine). Classroom contacts have been advised to self-monitor for symptoms. The school will remain open to all other students and staff.

Please note: the 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 been contacted by a separate letter, your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. However, 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 [gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html](http://gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html), or call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

| A   | B                           |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 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 10 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,



Dr. Jordyn Lerner  
 Medical Officer  
 Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living