

## **BRANDON**

## **Public Health**

The Towne Centre, A5 – 800 Rosser Avenue Brandon, MB R7A 6N5

September 25, 2020

Carberry Collegiate 230 Main Street Carberry, MB R0K 0H0

Dear Parent/Guardian of Carberry Collegiate student(s),

Manitoba public health officials have advised Carberry Collegiate of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school on Monday, September 21, 2020. This case was not acquired at school.

Carberry Collegiate is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Upon learning of this information, the school immediately closed off areas used by the infected person and will not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfection have occurred.

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 and provided instructions for self-isolation (quarantine). Testing may also be recommended.

Public health has advised that the one grade be transitioned to remote learning as of Monday, September 28, 2020. All other cohorts can continue to attend school in person. At the present time, public health anticipates that remote learning will continue for that grade for 14 days but this may be lengthened or shortened as the investigation continues.

Please note: Carberry Collegiate 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 public health officials, 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. Call Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 for information on testing and isolation.

A	В
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 provided that the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours. Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Mahmoud Khodaveisi

Medical Officer of Health Prairie Mountain Health