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On November 23, it was confirmed that two active cases of COVID-19 had been identified at Livingstone School in Lundbreck. Both individuals and close contacts have been directed to self-isolate by AHS.

We recognize that an active case in a local school can heighten anxiety and raise questions. Here are some **Frequently Asked Questions** to assist our community in receiving timely and relevant information.

What is considered a school outbreak?

An outbreak is declared when there are 2 or more confirmed cases in a school setting within a 14 day period where disease could have been acquired or transmitted in the school. Any school meeting this definition will be reported on the [map here](#).

How will I know if my child is considered a close contact of the Livingstone School cases?

Livingstone School has contacted ALL parents of children who are considered close contacts with instructions and direction to self-isolate.

What is the definition of a close contact?

Close contacts are defined as anyone who was within two metres of a positive case of COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more. A close contact is also someone who has had direct contact with bodily fluids of a person who has COVID-19 (e.g., was coughed or sneezed on), or who provided direct care for a person who has COVID-19, without consistent and appropriate use of PPE (personal protective equipment).

For sports that involve close, sustained or intermittent and repeated contact, all members of the teams playing each other are considered close contacts when there is a case on a team.

What are those who have been identified as close contacts required to do?

Those who are confirmed as a close contact of a person with COVID-19 are legally required to self-isolate for 14 days from the time they were exposed, and follow any other guidelines from Alberta Health Services. This is mandatory under the Public Health Act.

What is Isolation?

Isolation is a way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by reducing contact with others. If there is a known COVID-19 exposure at your child's school, the COVID-19 case and all close contacts will be told to isolate.

Isolation can be challenging, but it is an important way to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Your child is legally required to isolate for 14 days if they are a close contact of a person with COVID-19. For more information on isolation:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17239.aspx>

How can I get my family tested?

COVID-19 testing is available to all Albertans with symptoms and close contacts of confirmed cases.

If you have symptoms or have been notified as being a known exposure to COVID-19, you must stay home and book your test online with AHS assessment tool or call Health Link 811.

Find out more here: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17058.aspx>

Where can I get more help?

Call the Pincher Creek COVID-19 Assistance line 1 855 627 5365 and leave a message for assistance.

More information on close contacts:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17221.aspx>

AHS Guidance for parents of children attending school:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16998.aspx>

Map of cases, click on GEOSPATIAL then scroll to down:

<https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm>

South zone outbreaks: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-alberta-data.aspx>

Cases in schools map: <https://www.alberta.ca/schools/covid-19-school-status-map.htm>

Sign up for notifications: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-status-notification.aspx>

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