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To the Westgate CVI School Community:

This letter is to advise you that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has been notified that an individual associated with Westgate CVI School has tested positive for COVID-19.

We are actively working with the school and Lakehead Public Schools to investigate and manage any potential exposures in the school and any related settings, such as bus transportation.

Using updated public health guidance, TBDHU is identifying all those who would be considered a contact (high or low risk) of the individual with COVID-19. Parents or caregivers of students in impacted classes or cohorts, including bus transportation and extra-curricular activities, will be directly contacted by a public health professional to complete an assessment and will be provided with further instructions. Similarly, any teachers, staff, visitors or any others who are impacted will be contacted directly. Note that with updated evidence, higher risk contacts will be excluded from school for an isolation period but the broad exclusion of entire cohorts from schools or activities is not required at this time.

Anyone else in the school setting who is not specifically contacted by public health would not be considered at elevated risk because of this situation at this time.

The full investigation will continue to unfold over the next few days. Additional measures and actions will be taken as needed to manage the situation. Again, public health will contact individuals and families who are directly impacted.

For further information about COVID-19 and schools, please refer to the TBDHU website: [TBDHU.com/stopgerms](https://www.tbdhu.com/stopgerms) and [TBDHU.com/safereturn_parents](https://www.tbdhu.com/safereturn_parents).

TBDHU encourages anyone who is eligible to be immunized with both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please visit [TBDHU.com/VaccineFacts](https://www.tbdhu.com/VaccineFacts) for credible information on the vaccine and where to get vaccinated.

Sincerely,

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