



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at Fellowes High School

Late in the evening of September 17th, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) received notification of a positive COVID-19 test for a student. This is the first student to test positive.

This individual is part of the initial small cohort of students identified at risk and now brings the total number of cases at Fellowes High School to 5; 1 student and 4 staff members.

RCDHU has also received negative test results for all but 1 other staff member and 1 other student in the original class that was exposed to the staff cases.

This morning RCDHU is running a second pop up testing clinic at 7 International Drive for the remaining staff and students from the high school. Yesterday RCDHU tested 98 individuals, 83 staff and 15 students. Almost all the staff from the school were tested along with students who were considered to be at highest risk.

RCDHU will continue to update the school community and the public daily. In the meantime, RCDHU asks everyone to rigorously observe public health precautions as follows:

- Limit your social activities and keep your bubble small.
- Practice physical distancing (maintaining 2 metre distance).
- Wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then clean your hands.
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve and then clean your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, unless you have just cleaned your hands.
- If you are ill, stay home.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Get your flu shot.
- Use the COVID Alert App.

For all other information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-735-8654. For COVID-19 testing dates and times visit the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) [testing schedule](#) or call VTAC at 1- 844-727-6404 to book an appointment for testing.

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