



## COVID-19: OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION

Region of Waterloo Public Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Southwood Secondary School in a Grade 9 class cohort.

Public Health's investigation has determined that a student case previously reported, is linked to an earlier case in the same student cohort. The identity of the individuals is protected by privacy legislation and will not be shared.

No additional staff or students are required to isolate. Public Health has completed their assessment and no further close contacts have been identified.

**It is important to note that the outbreak is related to this specific cohort only. It is not a school-wide outbreak.** Facilities Services will continue to thoroughly clean the building, paying attention to common areas and touchpoints in accordance with Public Health guidance and recommendations.

Public Health is treating every single case of COVID-19 as a potential variant of concern before a variant is identified. As a result, our public communication will indicate only that a positive case has been identified. For all cases of COVID-19, Public Health is conducting enhanced case and contact management.

## STAFF RESOURCES

Please continue to self-screen (using the [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#)) and monitor your health daily, practice hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and other infection control and prevention measures. If you experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, access the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#) on the Public Health website and follow the direction given. Please visit the [COVID-19 Health, Safety and Wellness Handbook for WRDSB Staff](#) for guidance, wellness resources and information.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Please continue to [monitor and screen your child for symptoms](#) of COVID-19 daily. In accordance with guidance from the Ministry of Education, the [Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 page](#) will be updated on an ongoing basis with information regarding confirmed cases of COVID-19 involving a student or staff member in a school setting. For more information about COVID-19, please visit the Region of Waterloo Public Health [website](#).