



# SPARLING SCHOOL

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Hello parents and guardians of Sparling School.

More than 10 percent of our students are away from school today.

While we do not know the exact reasons for every absence, we are aware that there are people connected to our school who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been designated as close contacts to someone else who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Under the current Alberta Health Services guidelines, schools are no longer notifying classmates of positive cases and there is no contact tracing being done. Close contacts are not required to isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves.

But with the rising numbers in both our school and our community, we want you to be aware that it's very possible students and staff may have been exposed to COVID-19 either inside or outside of the school environment.

Please remember to be vigilant in monitoring your children for symptoms and ensure they stay home if they are not well. Here is the link to the [Daily Self-Assessment](#). The questions for people under 18 are on pages 2 and 3.

We are grateful to those who are letting us know their family's circumstances and are happy to support students in continuing with their schoolwork if they must remain at home temporarily.

Take good care everyone.

Sincerely,

*Andrea Gutmann*

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