

December 18, 2020

Westwood Elementary School  
46 Mallard Crescent  
Thompson, MB  
R8N 0X9

Dear Parent/Guardian of student at Westwood School,

Manitoba public health officials advised Westwood School on December 18, 2020, of two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school on December 9, 10 and 11, 2020 when the individuals may have been infectious.

Westwood School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Based on the public health investigation, this exposure was assessed to be low risk overall due to the thorough and consistent application of COVID 19 prevention measures.

Be assured that Public Health investigations to identify individuals who may have been exposed begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test. Anyone identified as a contact will be contacted and provided instructions.

The school will remain open to all students and staff, who can continue to attend school in person.

Please note: the school/child care facility is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed case of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community or media.

**If you have not been contacted by public health officials, your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case.** If your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 24 hours

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Northern Regional Health Authority Regional Offices

84 Church Street  
Flin Flon MB R8A 1L8  
(204) 687-1300 (888) 340-6742

67 – 1st Street West  
The Pas MB R9A 1K4  
(204) 623-6431 (888) 340-6742

867 Thompson Drive South  
Thompson MB R8N 1Z4  
(204) 677-5350 (888) 340-6742

after symptoms appear. You may go directly to the nearest COVID-19 testing location during their open hours. For the testing site nearest you, please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html>, or call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,



Dr. William Libich  
 Medical Officer of Health  
 Northern Health Region