

Lord Aylmer School



December 16, 2021

Dear Parents,

There is a great deal happening at our school and across the province in the final days school before the holidays. I thought it might be important to send the following information you may find helpful.

School Vaccinations

The school board was able to schedule all our COVID-19 student vaccinations (school vaccinations) to take place over one day and therefore, **tomorrow's vaccinations at South Hull have been moved to Monday, December 20th**. School staff will accompany the children by bus to South Hull where school board staff will also be present to help supervise the process. This is a friendly reminder that parents/guardians are not permitted to take part in the transportation to South Hull nor in the supervision during the vaccination process.

Rapid Test Kits

Please note that rapid test kits to be distributed to families through schools should be arriving soon. Once they do, we will distribute to our students to take home. We will let you know via REMIND once they arrive. More information to come. For students who are absent, we will arrange for a pick-up time next week.

Deep Clean and Disinfecting

Over the holidays, the classrooms, lockers and cubbies will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting. In the next few days, your child will be bringing home workbooks and other learning materials as well as lunch kits and clothes.

COVID-19 Cases

We currently have 7 positive cases with one class in isolation and three others that are not.

Please note that for positive cases at the school, Public Health conducts a thorough investigation into contacts. Their team examines possible transmission originating out of school as well as those which could have originated from within. They use this information to determine which actions should be taken (monitoring of symptoms, recommended gargle testing, recommended COVID testing at a public health site, class closure, school closure, etc.). The school and school board do not have the authority to make decisions regarding these actions. Only Public Health can do so.

The school's role is to help Public Health with the contact tracing and to help with communication to the affected families with the information Public Health provides.

When a case is confirmed, the school contacts affected families with a phone call, a step that is not part of the standard process but that has been adopted by our office and support staff to better serve Lord Aylmer families. An email is then sent that includes a Public Health letter with instructions for those who are close contacts. We also notify parents, guardians and staff of the positive case confirmation through a letter sent via REMIND.

Despite the heightened anxiety such announcements can sometimes produce, our parent community has shown class in its respect of the confidential nature of the process, as well as to the families and staff who are affected. This is greatly appreciated.

School Closures

We have received questions about whether schools will be closed before or after the holidays. We have not received any directives or information from the Ministry of Education about this to date. However, we have been asked, since the start of the school year, to be prepared for this at any time. Rest assured that if this were to happen, we would be ready within a short delay to respond to online teaching and learning in the same way we did last year.

Food Drive on Saturday

This is a reminder that we will hold our Food Drive for the food bank this Saturday between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the senior campus parking lot. We hope to see you here!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any questions, concerns or suggestions for us.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Keon', written in a cursive style.

Eldon Keon