February 26, 2021

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Nipigon Red Rock District High School has been notified by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit that an individual in our school community has tested positive for COVID-19.

Students and staff in Grade 9 classes are considered close contacts. Your child is among those and you are being asked to immediately keep them at home for the time being. Please also avoid having visitors in your home.

Be assured that this does not mean that your child has COVID-19, only that they may have been exposed to the virus. This is a safety precaution to ensure that the virus does not spread to others in the school.

You will be contacted directly by public health as soon as possible. This can take up to a couple of days depending on the number of cases that are being managed all at once. They will give you specific information on what to do next. TBDHU is requiring all individuals who are deemed close contacts to be tested at their local assessment centre. Please contact your local assessment center at 1-807-886-1060 and 1-807-887-5645.

At this time, if your child **HAS ANY** symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, all those living in the same home must also self-isolate right away. If your child **DOES NOT** have any symptoms of COVID-19, you are asked to leave your home only for essential reasons, such as going to work, getting groceries or picking up medicines. For other children in the home, TBDHU is asking that they **DO NOT** attend child care or school or any extra-curricular activities in-person until the risk period is over.

While you are waiting for public health to call, you can find information for close contacts at TBDHU.COM/closecontactinfo. At this time, please see the attached document for guidance.

Additional information will follow this announcement in the coming days. Your patience and cooperation at this time is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rissanen
Principal