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Families of Black Gold School Division:

As you may be aware, two of our students, in one of our Leduc schools, have been exposed to someone who recently tested positive for the COVID 19 virus. As a precaution, Black Gold School Division has implemented its Pre-Pandemic Phase at the school, which involves turning off water fountains and disinfecting all touch surfaces daily.

As per Alberta Health Services guidance, families should continue to watch for influenza – like illness symptoms: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and shortness of breath.

To minimize the spread of any virus, continue to follow these preventive measures:

- Stay home if you are sick. If your kids are sick, keep them home from school; call Health Link 811 for guidance.
- Make sure everyone in your household washes his/her hands with soap and water often. If soap
 and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if hands are not visibly
 dirty.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it in a garbage bin lined with a plastic bag, and wash your hands immediately after that. If you do not have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are used often and shared by everyone in your home.

Alberta Health Services has not recommended school closure; however, Alberta Health Services will continue communicating with Black Gold School Division authorities.

Respectfully,

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