



Bowen Children's Centre

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Dear Families,

COVID 19 Announcement

We have just learned about a potential COVID19 exposure that may impact the BCC Saplings program and BCC's After School Club Program.

THERE ARE NO POSITIVE CASES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY BCC PROGRAMS

However, as we have asked our families to be transparent regarding travel and risk with BCC staff, we are committed to ensuring that our families have the same information that we do concerning COVID-19.

The individual who tested positive today for COVID 19 is:

- a family member of BCC staff in the Saplings program
- a family member of a student who attends the ASC

Both family members are self-isolating as of this morning and will not return to BCC until all risks have passed.

The individual, who tested positive today, has not been on Bowen Island since Tuesday April 13th. Symptoms occurred on Wednesday April 14th, and a positive test was received today. The individual will not be returning to Bowen Island until fully recovered. No other member of this individual's family is showing any symptoms of COVID19. We all wish this family well and are offering support as they deal with illness and await direction from the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

This message is intended to ensure that BCC families know that we are taking the COVID-19 pandemic extremely seriously, and that information can offer reassurances to families attending our programs that we continue to stay on top of any risk to both our staff and our families, and will continue to do so.

It is a reminder to our staff and families that we are still very much in a pandemic, and also serves to remind us all that we must adhere to our safety protocols in order to ensure that we can keep each other safe.

Finally, only the Coastal Health Authority can determine who is a close contact, and only those determined as such would be contacted. We have spoken with 811 and are reassured that the risk to both BCC programs is extremely low as this was a secondary person infected.

We have relayed all the information we can, respecting privacy, and want you to know we are committed to being as transparent as we can. I realize it is Friday afternoon and so will check my answering machine today, Saturday and Sunday to answer any questions you may have that cannot wait until Monday.

For more information on COVID 19

- <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

BCC's Safety Plan, Communicable Disease policy

- <https://bowenchildrenscentre.ca/resources/covid-19/>

Sincerely,

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