

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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On January 20, 2021, officials from the Saskatchewan Health Authority identified a positive COVID-19 case in an individual in grade 9B at E.S. Laird Middle School in Lloydminster.

Communication has been shared with the specific cohorts, as well as the school community. To protect privacy, we are not able to share or discuss details.

All students in grade 9B have been identified as close contacts by Public Health and are required to begin immediate self-isolation until January 29th at midnight.

We all have a shared responsibility to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools. Students and families are reminded to be diligent in performing the daily health screening, stay home if ill, call HealthLine 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practice proper hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing as much as possible, wear a mask when appropriate, and do everything we can to keep each other safe.

"Student and Staff well-being is our top priority and will continue to remain at the forefront as we navigate these cases within our school. We will work collaboratively with SHA and Public Health to minimize further risks of transmission within our school and the Lloydminster community." - Todd Robinson, Director of Education

The Lloydminster Public School Division and E.S. Laird Middle School Administration, with the support of Public Health and the SHA, will continue to communicate additional information as it becomes available.

Todd Robinson, Director of Education

More Information can be found on the LPSD website at: <a href="https://www.lpsd.ca/students-and-parents/covid19">https://www.lpsd.ca/students-and-parents/covid19</a>