

August 13, 2020

To All our Ferncliff Parents,

As of today, there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at Ferncliff Manor. The student is receiving medical care, and is doing well. We understand this may give you cause for concern. However, families need not panic. Please be assured that Ferncliff is handling this matter with the highest sense of urgency. We have notified the Department of Health (DOH) of the confirmed case and are currently following their guidance and recommendations on how to appropriately respond to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

As you know, we eliminated all non-essential trips since early March. As of now, only essential staff and emergency personnel are able to enter our main building. Nursing continues to screen all staff for signs and symptoms of respiratory infection upon their arrival to work. Nursing also monitors all students and residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis and continue to follow CDC guided infection control protocols. Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection continue to occur.

If your child has been in direct contact with the student who tested positive, you will be informed by your child's social worker, or a member of the nursing team. If your child is at home with you, please continue to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms include:

- Fever of 100.0
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Difficulty breathing

As this is a developing situation, we will provide updates as we receive more information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to nursing or your child's social worker if you have concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

William J. Saich
Executive Director