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Dear parents, guardians, and staff,

As part of our health and safety protocols, we inform Alberta Health Services (AHS) when there is a school-wide absence rate of 10% or greater due to any illnesses OR there is an unusual number of individuals with similar symptoms within a cohort or class. Over the last few days, we have reached that threshold and have been in communications with AHS. Due to privacy, we are not able to share any further details about individuals who have been away from school. Today, AHS has declared a respiratory illness outbreak at our school. See attached for information from AHS.

Our school will remain open for in-class learning. We will continue with our various COVID-19 related protocols including increased emphasis on hand washing/sanitizing, physical distancing where possible, cohorting in grades K-6, masking, enhanced cleaning, and other measures. One additional temporary measure is to reduce the number of visitors in the school. During the outbreak period, volunteers and guest presenters are not permitted. Authorized visitors include parents, delivery personnel, RVS staff, RCMP and AHS but they must complete the daily health checklist prior to entering the office.

Screening for illness is an essential part of Rocky View Schools' safety strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. If they answer YES to any of the questions on the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#), then please follow the guidance provided on that checklist and/or complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment](#) for Albertans and follow the directions provided. It is important that the checklist be completed daily at home. For questions about COVID-19, visit alberta.ca/covid19 or call 811.

Our thoughts are with all individuals who are ill at this time. We wish them a quick recovery and look forward to their return to school when they are well, and it is safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brenda Valerio
Principal, Manachaban School