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From: **Dr. Heather Morrison Chief Public Health Officer**

Date: **October 12, 2020**

Subject: **COVID-19 Outbreaks in New Brunswick**

Public health officials in New Brunswick are dealing with two outbreaks of COVID-19, one in Moncton related to a special care home and a regional outbreak in the Campbellton area. On Friday, October 9, both of these regions moved to the orange alert, meaning that, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, non-essential travel is restricted into and out of the Moncton and Campbellton zones.

I am concerned about the evolving situation in New Brunswick. The increase in the New Brunswick case count in the past few days is a reminder of how quickly this virus spreads. I share your concerns about the potential impacts of COVID-19 on students and staff in our school system.

Given the situation in New Brunswick, it is prudent to be proactive and cautious in the event that any of your staff members travelled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions over the past few days. Out of an abundance of caution, staff who were in the Moncton or Campbellton areas over the long weekend should be extra vigilant about following infection control practices when they return home and attend work. They should wear a mask, at all times while at work and in public settings, limit contact with others, avoid large gatherings and closely monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19, and arrange to be tested, if any symptoms occur. Information about province-wide [Drop-in Testing Clinics](#) for symptomatic individuals can be found at princeedwardisland.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to protect the health of students, teachers and school staff.

If you have any questions, please call 902-368-4996.

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cc: Bethany MacLeod, Deputy Minister of Education & Lifelong Learning