



# Media Release

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## COVID-19 Associated with School Bus Route

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with the relevant School Bus Company to address an individual with COVID-19 associated with a single bus route.

**While there is an individual with COVID-19 associated with a school bus route, our assessment, to date, indicates that transmission did not take place within the bus or school environment. Currently there are no outbreaks (i.e. evidence of transmission from person to person) in any bus routes, schools or childcare centres in Grey Bruce.**

In this situation, the person with COVID-19 has been contacted directly by our COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Team. We have worked with the individuals and the bus company, along with the relevant school boards and have identified all others, both in and out of the bus environment, who may have been exposed and have determined their risk level. **All individuals that need to be notified have already been contacted.**

**Those NOT contacted by Public Health need not take any additional steps including asymptomatic testing.**

Public Health is the lead in all outbreaks and case management. Public Health will contact you if you have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, based on a thorough risk assessment completed only by Public Health.

**Determining who has had close contact is a decision that can only be made by Public Health.** Anyone at heightened risk of COVID-19 transmission due to close contact to a person with COVID-19 will be contacted by Public Health within 24 hours of the investigation.

**The Grey Bruce Health Unit will direct those considered at risk regarding testing requirements and recommendations (e.g., timing).** There is no value in anyone being tested before they are notified and instructed to do so by Public Health. Results of early testing are unreliable and place individuals at risk of more testing than is required. We remind everyone, if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to please get tested.

All contact tracing and determination of individual and community risk is made by Public Health. This is true of all cases, whether in schools, workplaces or the community. A health care provider or school official cannot make this decision.

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