



Wolf Creek Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

A report was released today on social media and a political website that outlined a Central Zone Summary of Declared Outbreaks.

The report lists outbreaks in facilities across central Alberta, and includes a number of Wolf Creek schools. As per provincial requirements at the beginning of the school year, Wolf Creek schools reported student absences due to illness to Alberta Health Services, when an absentee threshold exceeded 10%.

The information presented on social media and the political website in regards to this report implies that all the absences due to illness attributed to each facility in the report are COVID-19 cases.

Although there have been cases of COVID-19 reported by families to schools, not all absences due to illness were from COVID-19.

In actuality, the report itself released today appears to present ALL ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS, as reported by the school to AHS, when the absentee threshold exceeded 10%.

As you know, until October 6, a Respiratory Illness Outbreak was declared by AHS when a school reached a threshold of 10% absenteeism due to illness, regardless of whether the illness was related to COVID-19. If that was declared in your school, you would have received a letter from your school on behalf of AHS.

With recent changes to provincial COVID-19 health measures in schools, an outbreak is now reported when 10 or more COVID-19 cases are confirmed in an investigation, where the disease could have been acquired or transmitted in the school.

We are committed to transparency with you in regards to the health and safety of students and staff in our schools. You will find the current school status in relation to COVID-19 on each school banner at the top of the school website.

I hope this clears up any confusion. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving weekend.

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