



## DEHCHO DIVISIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Sunday January 17, 2021

### **Updates Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Fort Liard and all Dehcho Community Schools**

Dear staff, parents, and community members:

- On Saturday January 16, 2021 Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), Dr. Kami Kandola, announced lockdown measures in the hamlet of Fort Liard, NT.
- The lockdown measures include bans on all gatherings both indoor and outdoor for the next 14 days. An exception to this is extended to caregivers who are providing care to individuals in a private residence or regularly scheduled childcare arrangements in a private residence.
- As such, the Echo Dene School in Fort Liard will be closed for the next 14 days. The school is currently well equipped with all necessary cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment on site. Deep cleaning will be performed throughout the school.
- Tailored learning packages are currently being prepared for all grades Jk-12 Echo Dene School students and will be distributed as of Tuesday January 19. These learning packages will help provide a continuity of learning for all students.
- All other Dehcho schools in all Dehcho communities will be open as per usual on Monday January 18. The only school that will be closed to in person learning will be Echo Dene School in Fort Liard.
- The Dehcho Divisional Education Council is receiving support from the Departments of Employment, Culture, and Education (ECE), Health and other relevant government partners.
- A Department of Health Rapid Response Team is currently in Fort Liard and is supporting local health officials on contact tracing. They will be performing target testing to identify any other potential covid exposures. Rest assured that all precautionary measures are being taken to control the spread of this disease.
- The safety of our students and communities is at the forefront of our approach and we will provide regular updates to students and parents and Dehcho residents.

Sincerely,

P. Brulot  
Superintendent