



January 23, 2021

**Subject: COVID-19 case at Pius XII Catholic School**

Dear parent/guardian/staff,

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised us that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported in our school. The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts while the investigation continues.

As this situation is under active investigation, please continue to check our school or board website for updated information and should you have any questions regarding this information please call the school at (705) 674-4231. At the time of writing, the following classes are dismissed effective immediately up until and including February 4:

- Grade 1

Public Health continues to investigate the situation and if any risks to the school community are identified, they may direct additional measures. The situation will be monitored closely, and we will provide timely updates on school and board websites.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with our school to manage the case. They will directly contact all parents of children and all school personnel who have been identified as **close contacts**. If you are not called by Public Health Sudbury & Districts, please continue to follow the general advice in this letter.

**In general, if your child is dismissed from school as part of this situation, but you are not contacted directly by Public Health, your child must [self-isolate](#) immediately until and including February 4, 2020. Your child should also seek COVID-19 [testing](#) between January 26-28, 2020. If the test is negative, retesting should occur if [symptoms](#) develop.**

**In general, if your child is not dismissed from school as part of this case, the following applies:**

- Simply passing by an infected person in the hallway is not considered close contact, and the risk of spreading the virus this way is extremely low.
- Continue to use the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](#) <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor your child for symptoms and follow the direction provided.

Remember to follow the critical ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay home and [isolate](#) if symptoms appear.
- Practise two-metre physical distancing.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained.

It is understandable that this situation may make caregivers anxious and some will choose to keep their child at home as a precaution. Please advise the school if you choose to do this so that we may make arrangements for continued learning when possible.

As noted, Public Health Sudbury & Districts will directly contact all parents of children and staff who have been identified as **close contacts**.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 or the measures taken to address COVID-19, please visit [www.phsd.ca/COVID-19](http://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 ext. 524 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). For information specific to the case and the schools' response to the situation please call the school or the Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Nicole Bédard, at (705) 673-5620 ext 212.

Thank you for your support and understanding,



Joanne Bédard

Director of Education