

January 24, 2021

**Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak declared at St. David Catholic Elementary School**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff:

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Pius XII Catholic Elementary School. The individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts while the investigation continues.

The declaration of an outbreak is made by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with provincial guidance.

Effective immediately, the declaration of an outbreak means that individuals in following cohorts are dismissed unless told otherwise by Public Health Sudbury & Districts:

- Grade 2/3 class
- Grade 6 Class
- Elementary bus routes L106 (morning bus), and L104 (afternoon bus)

In addition, all other individuals who have been advised by Public Health Sudbury & Districts that they are high-risk close contacts must also continue to self-isolate

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, please continue to check the school or board website for updated information. Public Health will continue to assess the outbreak and the risk to the school community and may advise additional measures. The situation will be monitored closely, and you will be provided timely updates on the following (for example, number of affected cohorts and school reopening timelines for outbreaks).

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with the school to manage the outbreak. The school has provided Public Health with requested information including a list of all student and staff contacts and any other close contacts. Public Health will directly contact all parents of children and

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all school personnel who have been identified as close contacts. If you are not called by Public Health, please continue to follow the general advice in this letter.

In general, if your child is dismissed from school as part of this situation, your child must self-isolate immediately up until and including February 4, 2021, unless told otherwise. Additionally, your child should 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 outbreak, 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 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread>) if symptoms appear
- Practice two-metre physical distancing
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained

As noted, Public Health 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).

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Thank you,

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