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Dear parent/guardian/staff:

RE: COVID-19 case at St. Francis Catholic Elementary School

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised us that an additional 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. All COVID-19 cases and contacts are currently being investigated and managed as per the enhanced provincial guidelines for the more transmissible variants of concern.

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 St. Francis Catholic School at 705.674.0701. At the time of writing, the following class is dismissed:

- Learning Support Centre A Room 247

**All students and staff who are dismissed as part of this situation are being advised to self-isolate and are receiving a letter with more specific direction.**

**Students and staff who have been dismissed previously should continue to follow the direction in the letter they have already received.**

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 the school and board websites.

**In general, if your child is not dismissed from school, 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](#) and <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.

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- Stay home, [isolate](#), and seek testing if symptoms appear.
- Practice two-meter physical distancing.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained.

Frequently asked questions and additional information about [symptoms](#), how to [self-isolate](#), and where to [get tested](#) for COVID-19 can be found on Public Health's website: [www.PHSD.ca/COVID-19](http://www.PHSD.ca/COVID-19)

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 Natasha Folino, Principal or Rossella Bagnato, Superintendent of School Effectiveness at 705.673.5620 x 300.

Thank you,



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Director of Education