



Dear parent/guardian/staff:

RE: COVID-19 cases at Immaculate Conception Catholic School

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised us of confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in our 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. 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 Immaculate Conception School. At the time of writing, the following classes are dismissed:

- Grade 2 - English
- Grade 4/5

**All students and staff who are dismissed have already been advised to self-isolate and have received a letter with more specific direction.**

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 as part of these cases, 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.
- Stay home and [isolate](#) if symptoms appear.
- Practice two-meter physical distancing.

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- 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 school's response to the situation please call Guy Mathieu, Principal at 705.897.4483 or Nicole Bédard, Superintendent of School Effectiveness at 705.673.5620 ext. 212.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joanne Bédard".

Joanne Bédard  
Director of Education