

March 14, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Immaculate Conception 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 this 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.

Note that 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.

Individuals who have already been dismissed from school as part of this situation would have already received a letter and should continue to self-isolate.

Any additional individuals who are identified as high-risk close contacts will also be notified by Public Health.

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, isolate, and seek testing (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread>) if symptoms appear
- Practice two-metre physical distancing

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- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained

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 we will provide timely updates on the following (for example, number of affected individuals and cohorts affected).

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with the school to manage the outbreak. The School board has provided Public Health with requested information including lists of all student and staff contacts and any other close contacts that were dismissed. Public Health directly contact all parents of children and all school personnel 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 or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

Thank you,

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