



Family and Community Communication – Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in School Community

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Good Afternoon Families,

This is John McDermid, Principal of Holy Cross School. I'm reaching out with an important message.

This afternoon, the Brant County Health Unit confirmed an additional case of COVID-19 in our school community. Understandably, for privacy reasons, the identity of this individual will not be disclosed. This individual has been directed by the health unit to self-isolate.

Please note that some of the identified close contacts to this COVID-19 case were already self-isolating. Their self-isolation date may (or may not, depending on the identified individual) have been extended.

Upon receiving the news of the additional case, we immediately contacted those initially identified by public health as close contacts. These individuals have been directed by the health unit to self-isolate. Over the next 12 to 48 hours, the Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact with these individuals **via email** as they work through their contact tracing. The health unit will provide further direction and next steps to these individuals.

If the Health Unit identifies that a case has screened positive for a variant of concern (VOC) we will post that information, when it is shared with us, on our COVID-19 [Reporting by Location](http://www.bhncdsb.ca/page/covid-19-reporting-location) webpage (<http://www.bhncdsb.ca/page/covid-19-reporting-location>). Please note that VOC screening results take 3-4 days after the positive test result is received. Further information about variants of concern can be found at www.bchu.org.

If further students or staff are impacted, the Brant County Health Unit will let us know as soon as possible.

As always, all Holy Cross School students and staff are asked to monitor their health. If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, or you feel that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your primary health care provider as you may need to be tested.

Our school remains open to all individuals, not asked by Public Health to self-isolate. Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board custodians continue to complete their disinfecting of our school throughout the day and each evening.

The individual who tested positive, as well as all close contacts as determined by Public Health, must complete their isolation period and be able to pass the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) before returning to school.

If you have any questions, please visit the [Brant County Health Unit Website COVID-19 information page](#) or you can reach out to us at the school.

Thank you.