



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

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Good Evening Families,

This is Karen Wilkinson, Principal of Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School. I'm reaching out with an important message.

Today, the Brant County Health Unit identified individuals from our school community that are considered close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case. Understandably, for privacy reasons, the identity of the individual will not be disclosed. They have been directed by the health unit to self-isolate.

The close contacts have been directed by the health unit to self-isolate. Over the next 24 to 48 hours, the Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact via email with these individuals as they work through their contact tracing. The health unit will provide further direction and next steps to these individuals.

If your family was not contacted by our staff tonight, you have not been identified as a close contact at this time. The Ministry of Health mandates public health units to be in contact with known close contacts within 24-48 hours of being made aware of them. The local public health unit may not be aware of all contacts at the time you receive this communication, as they require time to conduct the investigation with cases.

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

We remind all students and staff 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.