



Family and Community Communication – Outbreak Notification

December 29, 2020

Good Afternoon Families,

This is Peter Marchand, Principal of Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School. I'm reaching out with an important message.

This afternoon, the Brant County Health Unit confirmed an additional case of COVID-19, declaring an outbreak in our school community. An outbreak in a school is defined as two or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in students and/or staff in a school with an epidemiological link, within a 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the school.

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.

Over the next 24 to 48 hours, the Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact with these individuals as they work through their contact tracing. The health unit will provide further direction and next steps to these individuals.

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.

If you have any questions, please visit the [Brant County Health Unit Website COVID-19 information page](#).

Thank you.