

School Messenger Communication to St. John's College School Families

Hello,

This is Principal Greg Picone. I am reaching out with an important message. Late last evening the Brant County Health Unit confirmed a 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 for 14 days. Proactively, the impacted class was also contacted and is not at school today. Anyone deemed a close contact by Public Health will also be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

The Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact with students and staff that have been identified as close contacts to the confirmed positive case. 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 Health Unit may not be aware of all contacts at the time you are receiving this communication, as they require time to conduct their investigation with the initial case.

Moving forward, all St. John's College School students and staff are asked to monitor their health. If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, please contact your primary health care provider. Anyone concerned that they may have developed or been exposed to COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested.

- Our school remains open to all individuals, not asked by Public Health to self-isolate, and BHNCDSB custodians had already disinfected impacted areas.

St. John's College School will work with students and families to ensure learning continues for those who are self-isolating.

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 \(https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/\)](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) before returning to school.