



March 21, 2021

Subject: Confirmed COVID-19 case by Santé publique at St. Paul School

Dear Families and Staff,

This letter is to inform you that we have received confirmation by Santé publique of a positive COVID-19 case at our school.

We are collaborating with Santé publique to identify and monitor people who have recently been in “close contact” with the infected person and we are diligently following Santé publique’s instructions. To limit transmission, the individuals who have been in “close contact” with the affected person have been instructed by Santé publique to isolate and stay home.

If Santé publique does not contact you, you or your child are NOT considered a “close contact” and as such, can continue to go to school. The school must respect confidentiality as per the law and as such, is not able to provide additional information regarding this case.

Following Santé publique’s epidemiological investigation, **the risk that you or your child may contract COVID-19 is considered low.** The school, therefore, remains **open** and will continue to apply all necessary hygiene measures and cleaning procedures in place.

Should any other COVID cases be confirmed at our school this week, we will only contact the families of the students considered “close contacts”. Please note that the Santé publique directives listed below are the same regardless of the number of cases of COVID at school.

The number of updated active COVID cases at our school are available on a daily basis, on the [school board website](#).

Should there be further cases of COVID next week, rest assured that you will receive a communication from us.

If you or your child show any of the symptoms* listed below, Santé publique advises you to please call 1 877-644-4545 immediately and follow their instructions. You can also consult the online COVID-19 Symptom [Self-Assessment Tool](#).

- Fever: oral temperature of 38.1°C (100. °F) or higher
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Cough (new or worse)
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Stomach aches
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Great fatigue
- Significant loss of appetite
- General muscle pain not related to physical exertion

**Symptoms provided by Santé publique official documentation for schools*

Rest assured that we are monitoring the situation closely in collaboration with Santé publique. The health of our students and staff remains our utmost priority.

Thank you for your collaboration.
The School Administration



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