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April 2, 2021

Dear Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School community,

Today we have been informed of two new confirmed COVID-19 cases – one involving a student from an isolating cohort, the other a staff person with no epi-link to any of the previous cases or outbreaks at the school. The student was last in the school on Wednesday, March 31; the staff member on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The positive test results were confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPS) today. Out of respect for the privacy of the individuals, personal health information and identifiers will not be released. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to school until they are cleared by HPS.

**Any students, staff or cohorts that are required to quarantine will be notified by the school and provided with a close contact letter from HPS.** Please be sure to follow the isolation instructions outlined in the letter. For students who have been identified as a close contact, we want your learning to continue. The school will contact you about the shift to remote learning.

The school will continue to follow guidance from Public Health Officials around infection prevention and control. As part of its COVID-19 action plan, the HWCDSB will undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas at the school occupied by the symptomatic individuals. The HWCDSB COVID-19 Cleaning Procedure is based on the [Public Health Ontario – Cleaning and Disinfection in Public Settings](#) document.

As always, we are working closely with HPS to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent transmission to other students and individuals in the school community. Students and staff should continue to attend school, unless directed otherwise by HPS, and to screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms on the provincial [COVID-19 school screening website](#). Please follow the directions provided in the COVID-19 school screening. If your child(ren) develops a single, new COVID-19 symptom, they must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to [www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca](http://www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca).

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please consult the Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 School Health program Hotline at 905-974-9848 (option 5) or [covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca](mailto:covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca).

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff and will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. Daoust  
Principal