



Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Dear Parents of St. Clement's School Students,

I am writing this letter to advise you that this morning, we received confirmation that a Senior School student at St. Clement's School has tested positive for COVID-19. **This individual has been learning remotely and has not been at the School since November 9.** Toronto Public Health has also confirmed that there is no risk of spread within our school from this case. The student has not been in physical contact with her class cohort or other students and staff at the School during the infectious period; because of this, there are no self-isolation or quarantining directives for other members of our community.

That being said, as this is the first confirmed positive case in our school community, I do want to ensure that you have clarity around the process:

- Our Vice Principal, Heather Henricks is our primary public health contact, working in consultation with our School Nurse, Bronwyn Coombs RPN. In the course of their contact tracing, Toronto Public Health (TPH) contacted Heather this morning to confirm that the student had not been in the building during the infectious period.
- Due to privacy concerns – and at the directive of the Ministry of Health - the identity of the individual cannot be revealed. In keeping with Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines, SCS will update the [COVID-19 Advisory page on our website](#), and will post additional information on that page if requested to do so by TPH.
- The School takes its direction from TPH. As mentioned above, TPH is undergoing contact tracing and will follow up with close contacts of the individual. Because this student has been learning remotely for some time, to our knowledge this does not include other members of the class cohort.
- TPH will advise close contacts of the individual to self-isolate for 14 days, to monitor for symptoms, and to get tested if symptoms develop.

During this time of COVID-19, we ask for your continued cooperation with adhering to the School's illness protocols. Please continue to screen your daughter daily for potential COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors. If your daughter develops symptoms of COVID-19, please inform the School Nurse and keep your daughter home from school. **If your daughter receives a positive COVID-19 test result, please inform the School Nurse, Heather Henricks, and myself immediately.**

It remains critical that all community members continue to follow basic public health guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19: wash or sanitize your hands frequently; maintain physical distancing of at least six feet; wear a three-layer mask, especially when indoors and when maintaining physical distancing is difficult; and stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Please do feel free to be in touch with me with additional questions. Meanwhile, I know you will share my wish that the student recovers quickly. I would like to thank everyone in our community for their continued vigilance in monitoring for symptoms and adhering to public health and safety guidelines, as we continue to navigate the pandemic together.

Sincerely,

Martha Perry '85
Principal