

To: Students and staff

Re: A confirmed COVID-19 outbreak has been declared in the Grade 3A Class.

Thank you for isolating at home following your cohort dismissal at **St. Anthony Catholic School**. We have declared an outbreak at **St. Anthony Catholic School** to make sure everyone remains as safe as possible. An outbreak at a school is declared when one person may have been infected at the school by another student or staff within 14 days of exposure.

Please follow these steps:

- 1) All students and staff in the Grade 3A class are recommended to test immediately for COVID-19 and again on day 7 (Monday, Nov. 1st, 2021). A negative COVID-19 PCR test result is necessary for the return to school. Peel Public Health will communicate with you when you are cleared to return. A refusal to test will lead to an extended 20-day isolation.**
 - For immediate testing, you make book an appointment at:
 - Chinguacousy Boat Pavilion COVID 19 Test Centre which is located at 225 Central Park Dr, Brampton, ON L6S 6H1. Appointments can be booked using the following link: [Book Appointment](#)
 - **Onsite testing will be provided at St. Anthony Catholic School Monday, November 1st from 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm**
 - Take this letter with you and give this outbreak number: **2253-2021-48893**
 - Take your Ontario Health Card with you. If you do not have a Health Card, you can still get tested.
 - If you recently tested positive for COVID-19, a repeat test is not required.

- 2) All unvaccinated/partially vaccinated students and staff in the cohort should continue self-isolating at home.**
 - You will receive communication from Peel Public Health when you are cleared to return to school.
 - To care for a child's well-being and provide emotional support, the child and caregiver can isolate together. For more tips, please visit this [web page](#) for information applicable to children who attend school, child care, or day camps.
 - A reminder for parents/guardians that any other children who live at the same address should **continue to stay at home**.
 - **Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated adults** in the same household should work from home if possible and should self isolate immediately if anyone at home develops symptoms or tests positive.
 - **Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated** caregivers of the isolated child should not go to work.

- **Fully vaccinated individuals** are not required to self-isolate and can continue to go to work or school/childcare/day camp if they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - One is considered fully vaccinated if:
 - You have received all required doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine (i.e. your second dose of a 2-dose vaccine (e.g. Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zeneca) or a single dose of a 1-dose vaccine (e.g. Johnson and Johnson).
- AND**
- At least 14 days have passed after the final required dose. The final dose must have been received on or before **September 30, 2021**.
 - An immunocompromised individual should continue to follow standard public health measures (e.g. self-isolate after having close contact with a COVID-19 case), whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Data is currently limited on vaccine effectiveness in this population.
 - Everyone should continue monitoring for symptoms:
 - Fever (37.8°C or higher) and/or chills
 - New or worsening cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Decreased or loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Vomiting, diarrhea, and/or nausea
 - Headaches
 - Runny or stuffy nose
 - Muscle aches
 - Tiredness
 - Abdominal pain (adults only)
 - Conjunctivitis/pink eye (adults only)

If your child develops symptoms or their symptoms are worsening, and you are concerned, contact Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 or your health care provider.

Call 911 to take your child to the hospital right away if they show any of the following:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Being so irritable that they do not want to be held
- Bluish colour skin or lips
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Persistent fever for 3 days or more

Please inform health care workers or 911 that your child is a close contact of a person who is positive with COVID-19.

3) If symptoms develop and/or you test positive for COVID-19 at any time:

- Immediately tell your school and [self-isolate](#) at home for 10 days from the start of your symptoms or test date, whichever is earlier. These 10 days are in addition to any self-isolation time you have already done since being sent home.



For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/>

Sincerely,

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