

April 13, 2021

Dear St. Jerome staff and families:

Peel Public Health is currently investigating a COVID-19 exposure in your school community.

The person was not in your school during their period of communicability, therefore, if you have not been contacted by Peel Public Health, your routine does not need to change. Individuals who have been notified by Peel Public Health are advised to get tested. Peel Public Health has informed us that the risk for the rest of your school remains low.

The identity of the individual is protected under privacy legislation and cannot be shared. Keeping you informed when an exposure occurs is part of our commitment to you. Please visit [Peel Public Health's website](#) for information on how they are working to help keep our staff and children safe. We encourage you to follow the [Core Four Actions](#) and to stay home when not feeling well.

As variants of concern (VOC) are here in Peel, we are taking the necessary steps to investigate, and limit spread. Now that VOCs are common in Peel, it is likely that this person with COVID-19 may have a variant strain, however, confirmation takes more time.

It is important to remember these variants are not a new disease and we continue to encourage everyone to follow public health guidelines and continue to physically distance, mask, stay home and get tested if symptomatic.

Now more than ever, we must take care of ourselves and each other. We can do this by following the advice of public health agencies and government officials. Please review their advice on how you can protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
COVID-19 Response Team