



# St. Raphael Catholic Elementary School

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Dear St. Raphael Staff and Families,

I'm writing to inform you that Peel Public Health is currently investigating a COVID-19 exposure at our school. I know this is hard to hear. Like you, I had hoped this would never happen in our school community.

Two people at school have tested positive for COVID-19. Peel Public Health is investigating and will contact anyone determined to be a close contact.

**Only students and staff asked by Peel Public Health or those who fail the [Ministry of Health COVID-19 Screening](#) need to get tested.**

Our building is currently safe and will remain open for students and staff. The school has been cleaned many times since the exposure as part of our enhanced cleaning protocol. An additional cleaning also took place today. Peel Public Health will let us know if any other measures need to be taken to reduce the risk of transmission.

Keeping you informed is part of our commitment to you. Keeping personal information private, including the identity of the persons, is part of our commitment, too. I know this may frustrate you, but this is also part of Ontario's privacy laws. It protects anyone already sick or at risk.

Please review the DPCDSB's [Return to School Parent Guide](#) for more information on Health and Safety protocols in DPCDSB schools and facilities. Also, please visit [Peel Public Health's web site](#) for information on how they are working with the DPCDSB to help keep staff and students safe at school and on transportation.

As a faith community, we must continue to 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.

V. Carey  
Principal