



St. Raphael Catholic Elementary School

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Dear St. Raphael Staff and Families:

Peel Public Health is investigating a COVID-19 exposure where persons who were recently in our school have tested positive for COVID-19. As part of its investigation, Peel Public Health has directed individuals from two of our classrooms to self-isolate at home. This step is being taken as an extra precaution to protect our students. These classrooms will be closed until the individuals have completed their self-isolation period. Students from these classes will be taught remotely until the end of their self-isolation period.

Peel Public Health will contact anyone determined to be a close contact. Only students and staff who are symptomatic or advised by Peel Public Health need to get tested.

Staff and students who have not been contacted by Peel Public Health should continue to attend school as usual. Only students and staff who are symptomatic or advised by Peel Public Health need to get tested. Our school has already undergone thorough cleaning and sanitizing many times as part of our daily enhanced cleaning protocol. The closed classrooms will undergo a deep cleaning. Our school building remains safe and open to staff and students.

The identities of the impacted individuals are protected under privacy legislation and cannot be shared. I know this may frustrate some, but you would want this privacy if it was someone in your family, and we want to be respectful of their needs during this challenging time. As I mentioned earlier, those who are at risk due to this exposure have already been identified.

I know that any news of COVID-19 can be unsettling. Although there is no impact on any staff and students who are not contacted by Peel Public Health, I want to make sure our school community remains informed. As always, we will follow any direction from Peel Public Health to keep our school safe.

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.

For a listing of current positive COVID-19 cases in DPCDSB schools and facilities, including closed classrooms or closed schools, visit the DPCDSB's [COVID-19 Advisory webpage](#).

Sincerely,

V. Carey
Principal