



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

December 19, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to advise you that St. Michael's College School was notified on the evening of **December 18, 2021** of two confirmed cases of COVID-19. The individuals are being cared for by their families and have been in contact with our school nurse.

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has been notified and we are awaiting further direction from the Communicable Disease Investigator (CDI). **Please note that the contact information for the CDI as well as details of this investigation cannot be shared due to privacy considerations.**

As we communicated yesterday, given our recent spike of six positive cases in the past week, TPH has declared an outbreak at our school. An outbreak is defined by TPH as two or more people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are linked in the school, child care setting, day camp, bus or after-school setting, over a 14-day period. Although we understand that this news may be upsetting to many, St. Michael's College School expects positive COVID-19 cases to occur given the recent spike in community spread and nature of the virus in Toronto.

Please be aware that not all students will be at-risk for potential infection even though there has been a reported positive case in our school.

If your son has been identified as a [close contact](#) of a confirmed case and has potentially been exposed to COVID-19, you will have received a notice from the school. You may be contacted by TPH who will likely advise you to get tested, monitor for symptoms, and to [self-isolate](#) for 10 days from when the cohort was last together.

The health and safety of our students remain our top priorities and require the support of the entire community to engage in government directives. Thank you to all of our families for your continued adherence to our health and safety protocols.

In accordance with provincial requirements, this news will be posted to the COVID-19 advisory page on our school website.

On behalf of the SMCS community, our thoughts are with the individuals as we wish them a quick recovery.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal