



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

April 11, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to advise you that St. Michael's College School was notified on April 10, 2021 that a student in Grade 11, Cohort A has tested positive for COVID-19.

Please note that this positive case is a direct connection to the previous positive case in Grade 11, Cohort A confirmed on April 6.

The student developed symptoms on April 5, 2021 and has not been in the school since March 31. The case has been reported to Toronto Public Health (TPH). He is being cared for and his family and SMCS are following the recommendations of TPH.

As a result of the school transitioning to online learning last week, the affected student was not present in school during the infectious period. Therefore, there are no additional self-isolation requirements for our students and staff.

Due to the level of contact the student may have had inside the school, SMCS is undergoing an additional deep cleaning protocol over the course of our spring break.

Although this news may be upsetting to many, St. Michael's College School expects positive COVID-19 cases to occur given the community spread and nature of the virus in Toronto. To that end, modelling a compassionate and non-judgmental attitude to directly affected families is in keeping with the Basilian charism of grace that promotes dignity and respect for all. To date, our safety protocols have worked well to mitigate the risk of transmission at school. We implore you to discuss the communal risk inherent in community living and show compassion and understanding to all. No one chooses to get COVID-19 and people can be infectious two days before symptoms appear. We need to take care of and support each other these days, more than ever.

We are continually preparing and fine-tuning our response with each update and additional information provided by TPH. 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 ill student as we wish him a quick recovery. You can expect a further update before the end of spring break.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal

