



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

April 6, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to advise you and confirm that St. Michael's College School was notified on April 6 that a Grade 11 student in Cohort A has tested positive for COVID-19. The source of this exposure is external to the school and not related to any previous cases at SMCS.

Please note: Not all Grade 11 Cohort A students will be required to self-isolate, only those who receive a Notification of Close Contact letter via Edsby today have been affected. If your son is in Grade 11, Cohort A and you do not receive the Notification of Close Contact – your son is able to return to in-person learning on Thursday, April 8.

The case has been reported to Toronto Public Health (TPH). He is being cared for by his family and SMCS will follow the recommendations of TPH.

As a result of this positive test, the affected students and teachers within Grade 11, Cohort A have been notified and are now self-isolating. These students will be able to cease self-isolation on April 15, 2021 and return to school after the April break as long as they have remained symptom-free and pass the COVID-19 screening form upon their return.

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

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 community spread and nature of the virus in Toronto. 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.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal