January 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although we are not required to report, St. Michael's College School is committed to sharing weekly confirmed cases by grade level that are reported to us.

On January 21, 2022, SMCS was notified that a Grade 10 student tested positive, by rapid antigen test for COVID-19. The student is being cared for by his family and has been in contact with our school nurse. To assist with personal monitoring for symptoms of concern, the student's last day in school was January 20.

For your convenience, please refer to the attached Toronto Public Health (TPH) guidelines for student screening and self-isolation. Individuals exposed at school with all public health measures in place (screening, masks, spacing, ventilation) are not generally considered high-risk contacts. Individuals with confirmed COVID-19 as per TPH guidelines are advised to inform their personal close contacts.

Given the widespread transmissibility of COVID-19, and the inability to test all symptomatic individuals, it is difficult to accurately determine contact points in a school setting. We would expect further cases across each grade level. We are all advised to monitor for symptoms (as per our daily screener) and presume any symptoms of illness we have these days requires an isolation period of 24 hours after symptoms improve or five days of isolation.

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. 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.

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

Sincerely,

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