



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

COVID-19 ALERT UPDATE

November 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to advise you that St. Michael's College School was notified on the evening of November 1 that a Grade 9 student in Cohort A has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was prophylactically tested due to information received that he was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual outside of the SMCS community.

The student is asymptomatic. His last day at school was October 29 and has not attended school since that time. The case has been reported to Toronto Public Health (TPH). He is being monitored and his family and SMCS are following the recommendations of TPH.

TPH is in the process of contact tracing and has advised the school to dismiss Grade 9 Cohort A immediately.

Effective today, November 2, our Grade 9 Cohort A and teachers in close contact with that Grade 9 student are self-isolating. They will be fully online until November 16 or until TPH advises the school differently.

This Cohort will be able to return to school on November 16, 2020, as long as they have remained symptom-free and pass the daily COVID-19 screening form upon their return. We ask that during this time, you remain vigilant at monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. There is no need to be tested, but should your son develop any symptoms, it would be recommended. As students in Grade 9 Cohort A have been identified as a direct exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual, they will be required to isolate for 14 days until November 12, 2020.

Due to the level of contact the student may have had inside the school, SMCS is undergoing an additional deep clean over the next two days.

Although we understand this news may be concerning, St. Michael's College School has been preparing for this possibility for several months. The health and safety of our students remain our top priority and requires the support of the entire community. Thank you to all our families and students 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 student and his family as they take care of each other.

Keeping you informed,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal