

March 2, 2021

Dear parent, guardian and staff:

RE: Confirmed and probable COVID-19 case at Collège Notre-Dame

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised us that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported in our school. The individual is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts while the investigation continues.

As this situation is under active investigation, please continue to check the Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon website for updated information. Should you have any questions regarding this information please call the Collège Notre-Dame Principal at 705-674-7484. At the time of writing, the following are dismissed:

- **MHFUN-01**
- **Identified students and staff – not linked to a specific class cohort**

All staff and students having a close contact have been identified and would have received a letter from Public Health & Districts with further direction.

This letter was distributed by the Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with our school to manage the confirmed case. They will follow-up with all parents of students and all school personnel who have been identified as close contacts.

In general, if your child is not dismissed from school as part of this situation, the following applies:

- Simply passing by an infected person in the hallway is not considered close contact, and the risk of spreading the virus this way is extremely low.
- Continue to use the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) and <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor your child for symptoms and follow the direction provided.

Remember to follow the critical ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

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- Stay home and [isolate](#) if symptoms appear.
- Practice two-meter physical distancing.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained.

Public Health continues to investigate the situation and if any risks to the school community are identified, they may direct additional measures. The situation will be monitored closely, and we will provide timely updates on the Portail parents (Parents Portal).

It is understandable that this situation may make caregivers anxious and some will choose to keep their child at home as a precaution. Please advise the school if you choose to do this so that we may make arrangements for continued learning when possible.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 or the measures taken to address COVID-19, please visit www.phsd.ca/COVID-19 or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 ext. 524 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). For information specific to the case and the schools' response to the situation please call the Collège Notre-Dame Principal.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer

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