



**Public Health
Santé publique**
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

March 9, 2021

Dear students, parents, guardians, and school staff:

Re: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared and whole school dismissal at Collège Notre-Dame

This letter is to inform you that:

1. Public Health Sudbury & Districts has **declared an outbreak** of COVID-19 at this school. The declaration of an outbreak is made by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with provincial guidance.
2. **All students and staff of Collège Notre-Dame are dismissed and must self-isolate up until and including March 18, 2021** due to confirmed cases of COVID-19. This isolation date may be extended based on our ongoing public health investigation.
3. All students and staff who have already been advised to self-isolate and who have received a letter with more specific direction should follow the direction in that letter.

Please note that there are more protective provincial guidelines in place currently to stop or slow the spread of the more infectious COVID-19 virus variants circulating in the province. It is essential that you follow the direction provided.

All students and staff who have not received another letter with more specific direction should follow the direction below:

- Students and staff should seek COVID-19 **testing asap AND again on March 14, 2021**. Testing should take place as soon as possible if the student or staff member is symptomatic or if they develop symptoms at any time.
- Even if your test result is negative, you must **remain home and self-isolate** up until and including March 18, 2021.
- For the duration of the student or staff's isolation period, everyone else in their household is required to **stay home** except for essential reasons. Essential reasons include: attending work/school/childcare and essential errands such as groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions.

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- **If the student or staff develops even one symptom of COVID-19**, everyone in their household is required to self-isolate until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result or is provided an alternative diagnosis by a healthcare professional. If the symptomatic individual is **not** tested or does not receive an alternate diagnosis, all members of the household must self-isolate as directed by Public Health.
- The isolating individual must self-isolate away from other household members. Note that **if the isolating individual is young and/or cannot isolate apart from other household members, a parent or caregiver must also isolate with the individual away from other household members.**

In general, for COVID-19, a *close* contact is anyone who was within 2 metres or 6 feet of an infected person without proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for at least 15 minutes during the time of infectivity. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. Passing a person in the hallway is considered low risk of spreading the virus.

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
- Stay home and isolate if symptoms appear
- Practice two-metre physical distancing
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, please continue to check our school or board website for updated information.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with the school to manage the outbreak. The school has provided Public Health with requested information including a list of all student and staff. **Public Health will be contacting you/your child for further follow up.**

For a list of Assessment Centres visit: <https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/>.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school, visit the school website to learn about class restrictions or other measures the school is taking, or Public Health Sudbury & Districts for more information at 705.522.9200 (toll free at 1.866.522.9200).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Berthiaume', with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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