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September 10, 2021

**Subject: Notification of confirmed COVID-19 case at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School**

This letter is to inform you that a student at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was in the school on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services today, September 10, 2021. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, personal health information and identifiers will not be released. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to school until they are cleared by HPHS.

Contact tracing is being managed by HPHS. Any students or staff that are required to self-isolate will be notified by the school and provided with a close contact letter from Public Health. Please be sure to follow the isolation instructions outlined in the letter. Close contacts who are exempt from isolation will be notified by the Public Health contact tracing team. Close contacts must continue to isolate until they are released by Public Health. Close contacts will also pivot to remote learning.

The school is working closely with public health officials to ensure that all health and safety measures are in place to prevent transmission to other students and individuals in the school. As part of its COVID-19 action plan, the HWCDSB will undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas at the school occupied by the symptomatic individual.

Students and staff should continue to attend school, unless directed otherwise by HPHS, and to screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms on the provincial [COVID-19 school screening website](#). Please follow the directions provided in the COVID-19 school screening. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to [www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca](http://www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca).

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please consult the Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 School Health program Hotline at 905-974-9848 (option 5) or [covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca](mailto:covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca).

Please be assured that the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. We will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Ms. R. Athulathmudali  
Principal