NOTIFICATION OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CES

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Student(s) Attending St. Michael the Archangel CES:

York Region Public Health has received a report stating one staff member who attends St. Michael the Archangel CES, 161 Via Campanile, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 3K5, Ontario, has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member attended the school on Monday, September 14 to Wednesday, September 16 between 8:55 am to 3:40 pm. York Region Public Health is conducting a thorough investigation and this staff member has been advised to stay home for 14 days.

Public Health is actively investigating this case. We will also be conducting a thorough investigation to identify <u>close contacts</u> of the COVID-19 case. If you are considered a close contact, Public Health will contact you. If you are not contacted by Public Health, you are not considered a close contact.

St. Michael the Archangel CES has worked diligently to implement strict public health measures within the school environment such as physical distancing of students and staff, increased hand hygiene, cohorting of classrooms and the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of acquiring COVID-19.

As a precautionary measure, we advise you to watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. These can include:

- Fever (37.8°C or higher)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat or difficulty breathing

- · Altered smell or taste
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose

Although less common, other sign and symptoms in children may include:

- Unexplained fatigue, malaise or myalgia (tiredness, feeling unwell, or muscle aches)
- Worsening of chronic conditions
- Chills
- Headaches
- Croup

- Pink eye
- Red/purple discolouration to hands, fingers, feet and/or toes and skin may peel (COVID-toes)
- Lethargy
- Difficulty feeding in infants

Should any of these signs or symptoms develop, seek assessment and testing at a <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Assessment Centre</u> (located at all York Region hospitals) and notify your school and/or York Region Public Health (1.877.464.9675, ext. 73588).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please visit <u>york.ca/covid19</u> or contact York Region Public Health at 1.877.464.9675, ext. 73588.

Please see attached additional resources:

If COVID-19 Is Detected In A School, What Does Public Health Do?
Check Your Child Daily For Symptoms of COVID-19

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