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*A Proud Feeder School to St. Mary Catholic Secondary School*

April 6, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that a student at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last in the school on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) today. 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.

Any students, staff or cohorts that are required to quarantine have been notified by the school and provided with a close contact letter from HPHS. Please be sure to follow the isolation instructions outlined in the letter. For students who have been identified as a close contact, we want your learning to continue. The school will contact you about the shift to remote learning.

The school will continue to follow guidance from Public Health Officials around infection prevention and control. 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. The HWCDSB COVID-19 Cleaning Procedure is based on the Public Health Ontario – Cleaning and Disinfection in Public Settings document.

As always, we are working closely with HPHS to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent transmission to other students and individuals in the school community. 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(ren) develops a single, new COVID-19 symptom, 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).

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff and will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Ms. A. Wintar  
Principal