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Dear St. Mary Catholic Secondary School community,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member and a student at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School have tested positive for COVID-19.

Both individuals were last in the school on Friday, October 2, 2020. Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) confirmed the two positive cases late yesterday and have determined through their investigations that there are no school contacts for the staff member, however, the student's cohort has been directed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) to self-isolate, effective immediately.

Out of respect for the privacy of the individuals, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

The school will also be following guidance from HPHS 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 cases and will ensure all preventive measures are in place. Persons who test positive may not return to school until they are cleared by HPHS.

The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff is always a priority concern for our school and school board, but is especially important as we return to classroom learning during the current pandemic.

We will continue to work 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 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). Please inform the school of any absences and symptoms your child(ren) is/are experiencing.

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

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff, we will keep you updated as more information becomes known.

Sincerely,



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Principal

