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Dear Parent/Guardian – Holy Cross School

Manitoba public health officials continue to follow the recent cases of COVID-19 in Holy Cross School and investigations are ongoing. Due to these investigations the situation at Holy Cross School has been deemed an outbreak by public health. Holy Cross School will be listed as red on the provincial Pandemic Response System.

Holy Cross School will remain closed on remote learning at this time for at least two weeks from closure to May 9 though this date can change as investigation continues. All staff or students who have already been advised to quarantine (isolate) should continue to do so as directed. All others should stay home other than for essential reasons, not attend extra-curricular activities, and avoid contact with anyone at high risk of severe outcomes.

If you develop a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate from others (if you have not already done so). It is recommended you get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. You may go directly to the nearest COVID-19 testing location during their open hours. For the testing site nearest you, please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/locations.html> or call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

A	B
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

Please note the following:

- Public health officials strongly encourage testing so it can be determined whether COVID-19 transmission has occurred within the school.
- The school is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community, or media.
- As variants of concern (VOC) are becoming the dominant strain of the virus in Manitoba, to reduce the risk of transmission, changes have been made to how we manage all COVID-19 cases and contacts. While public reporting of VOCs associated with schools will continue, there will no longer be separate notification or different recommendations if the case is a VOC. For more information about VOCs, please visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/variants.html.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,

Office of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer
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