



## *Saint John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School*

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### **Subject: Notification of confirmed COVID-19 case at St. John Henry Newman CSS**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that a student at St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last in the school on Friday, September 10, 2021. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services today. HPHS has determined that this new case is unrelated to the case reported on September 11, 2021, and therefore does not constitute an outbreak.

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 or staff that are required to self-isolate will be notified by the school and provided with a close contact letter from Public Health. This contact tracing letter will outline which close contacts are required to self-isolate, and which are exempt from isolation, based on public health contact tracing guidelines. Please be sure to read the instructions in the public health letter carefully.

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. Students and staff should continue to attend school, excluding those who are required to self-isolate, 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,

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