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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

This letter is notification of two new confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in your school community. Chatham-Kent Public Health is working closely with the school community and is contacting any individuals (students and staff) who may have been in potential contact with the virus. Chatham-Kent Public Health will only notify close contacts of confirmed cases. If you have not been notified (either by letter or telephone call), your child has not been in close contact with the confirmed case. Chatham-Kent Public Health has determined that in all three current cases, transmission of the virus did not occur at school; therefore, an outbreak has not been declared at this time. An outbreak is declared when there are two or more cases in a school community, where at least one case could have reasonably been acquired in the school setting.

It is important that you complete the province's COVID-19 Daily Screening Tool for students and staff each day before your child attends school. To access the daily screening tool go to: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If your child presents one or more symptoms of COVID-19, they cannot attend school until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result; is cleared by public health; or is diagnosed with another illness by a Health Care Provider.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever or chills; cough or barking cough (croup); shortness of breath; decrease or loss of taste or smell; nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. If you or your child has any one or more of these symptoms, your child must not go to school. Household members who are not fully vaccinated should only leave the house for essential purposes.

If you are unsure about when your child can return to school, speak with your health care provider or contact public health. Additional information about COVID-19, including symptoms and recommendations for preventing and controlling the spread of the virus, is available in the attached fact sheet.

Sincerely,



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