

Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School



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Friday, October 9, 2020

Dear Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School Community,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member was last in the school on Friday, October 2, 2020. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPS) today.

Guardian Angels CES and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are working with Hamilton Public Health Services to facilitate case and contact tracing. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

Hamilton Public Health Services are currently in contact with the school to identify any individuals who may have come in contact with the staff member and will follow up with them directly. The school will also be following 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 symptomatic individuals and will ensure all preventive measures are in place. Persons who test positive may not return to school until they are cleared by HPS.

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 global pandemic. We will continue to work closely with HPS 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 HPS, 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 please go to 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.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. P. Messina, Principal

“Forgive, Understand, Love and Lead”