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To: St. Martin School and Schoolhouse Playcare Centre Community,

This letter is to provide an update on the St. Martin School and Schoolhouse Playcare Centre outbreak. Since the last update on November 22nd, an additional seven cases have been identified. All the recent cases were from the impacted cohorts and can be linked to previous cases and all were isolating as per the instructions provided by public health. No additional cohorts were identified as having had an exposure. This brings the total to twenty seven cases to date associated with the school and related settings.

Public Health continues to follow up with some impacted cohorts who are still in their risk period and therefore, are still required to be isolating. It is possible that more cases can occur; however, none of these are expected to affect the school setting.

The school will re-open to in-person learning as planned on Monday, November 29th. The remaining impacted cohorts who are still out of school should only return to school when advised that they can do so by public health.

It remains vital that we work together and all do our part in keeping the school safe. This is more important than ever before as case numbers are increasing in our area. Please follow all public health measures to keep the school and childcare settings safe. Additional communication will be sent out to parents/caregivers in the coming days. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

TBDHU encourages anyone who is eligible, to be immunized with both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Children 5 to 11 years old are now eligible. Please visit [TBDHU.com/VaccineFacts](https://www.tbdhu.com/VaccineFacts) for credible information on the vaccine and where to get vaccinated.

For further information about COVID-19 and schools, please refer to the TBDHU website: [TBDHU.com/stopgerms](https://www.tbdhu.com/stopgerms) and [TBDHU.com/safereturn_parents](https://www.tbdhu.com/safereturn_parents).

Sincerely,

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