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To the St. Martin Elementary School Community:

This letter is to provide an update on the investigation and management following the identification of an individual with COVID-19 at St. Martin Elementary School.

At this time, three additional individuals associated with the school have been identified as having COVID-19 and as a result three additional cohorts were impacted. Note that in all these cases, the virus was acquired outside of the school setting. At this time, there is no evidence that the virus has spread within the school setting. This would not be considered an outbreak.

Parents or caregivers of students in the recently identified classes/cohorts will be contacted directly by a public health nurse and given instructions about what they need to do. Similarly, public health nurses will also be contacting directly any teachers, staff, visitors or any others who are impacted.

Everyone else in the school setting who is not deemed a close contact and therefore not specifically contacted by public health, would not be considered at elevated risk and does not require testing because of this situation at this time.

I recognize that events like this can cause significant concern and distress for families. These are challenging times. I want to reassure you that public health will continue to monitor and assess for any evidence of spread in the school setting and will take all necessary measures with the school and the school board to manage the situation.

Additional updates will be provided to the school community over the coming days by both TBDHU and the school and school board.

Sincerely,

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