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To the St. Margaret School Community,

This letter is to provide an update on the public health investigation and management following the identification of two individuals with COVID-19 associated with St. Margaret School.

Over the last few days, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) conducted a thorough public health investigation. This included an onsite visit to the school and detailed discussions with school teachers and staff.

Through this work, public health identified all those who would be considered “close contacts” (high-risk contacts) of the individuals with COVID-19. Public health nurses followed up with each individual or family identified and provided specific instructions and guidance. All individuals identified as close contacts are currently isolating at home and will not be returning to school until advised that they can do so by public health.

If you have not been contacted by public health, you or your child is not considered a close contact at this time. Please continue to follow the general guidance to protect yourselves and others against COVID-19. This includes screening yourself or your child for symptoms each day prior to attending school. Further information can be found on the TBDHU website: [TBDHU.com/stopgerms](https://tbdhu.com/stopgerms) and [TBDHU.com/safereturn_parents](https://tbdhu.com/safereturn_parents)

The public health management of this situation is ongoing. Regular follow-up and testing is being done with individuals considered close contacts. Public health will continue to monitor and assess for any evidence of transmission of the virus in the school setting and will take the necessary measures with the school to manage the situation.

We recognize that events like this can cause significant concern and distress for individuals and families. I want to reassure you that public health is prepared to manage situations like this. In addition, St. Margaret School, like all schools, has implemented significant measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the school. Collectively these measures reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering the school and reduce the risk of transmission in the school. Thank you for your role in the process.

Sincerely,

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