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To the St. Martin Elementary School Community:

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) and the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board would like to inform you that the outbreak declared on February 22, 2021 at St. Martin Elementary School is now considered officially over.

Unfortunately, TBDHU has identified another individual with COVID-19 associated with St. Martin Elementary School. This new case of COVID-19 is unrelated to the outbreak and cases that were part of the outbreak.

We are actively working with the school and the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board to investigate and manage any potential exposures in the school.

Through this work, public health is identifying all those who would be considered "close contacts" of the individual with COVID-19. Individuals in the same classroom or cohort, and some or all individuals with the same bus transportation, are considered "close contacts". Parents or caregivers of students in the impacted class/cohort 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.

The full investigation will continue to unfold over the next few days. Additional measures and actions will be taken as needed to manage the situation. Again, public health will contact individuals and families who are directly impacted.

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