

January 19th, 2021

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that a positive test result for COVID-19 has been declared in an elementary school teacher. We were advised of this news late this afternoon. The staff member was last in school as of January 15th, 2021 and left at 11:30am. If this teacher instructs your daughter rest assured, you will be advised.

As per our Reopening Plan, these emergency protocols have been taken:

- Our Emergency Health Officer, Mona Bosnakyan, has reached out to Santé Publique for further directives and we will follow their directives.
- The individual who has tested positive is isolating as per Santé Publique directives. We are to respect confidentiality and as such we are not able to provide further information.
- We will collaborate with the health authorities to identify and monitor all those students and staff who have recently been in close contact with the individual and will follow public health directives diligently. Individuals who have been in close contact with the affected person as per Santé Publique guidelines, have been instructed to stay home and to get tested.
- In addition to our ongoing daily COVID-19 sanitation procedures, a location specific disinfection is part of our protocol in all areas where the infected individual was physically present.
- Our Emergency C-19 team has met to plan interventions and communications. Be assured that we will keep you informed of any developments.

The school remains open and we continue to be vigilant in applying all necessary measures to prevent transmission. We continue to maintain our class bubbles and we will continue to follow and enforce all of our specific protocols, as well as all protocols recommended by CNESST and the Quebec Government.

As per recent Santé Publique directives, and my letter of January 8th please pay careful attention to the new directives with regards to symptoms for COVID-19 testing. Santé Publique asks that you do not wait the previously recommended 24 hours, but rather have your daughter tested as soon as possible if she displays any respiratory or flu symptoms e.g. fever or cough. Again, please advise your respective Division Director if your daughter or anyone in your household is being tested, and while she is at home awaiting her or a family member's results, she will have access to online learning.

Your ongoing cooperation continues to be important. Please remain attentive in the monitoring of your state of health and that of your daughter. We encourage you to consult the health authorities' online COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool. To find a testing clinic, call the info-COVID line at 514-644-4545 or see the testing section on the Santé Montréal Website: <https://santemontreal.qc.ca/en/public/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We remain committed to transparency and we will continue to keep you informed on all matters related to COVID-19 positive cases confirmed within The Study. Rest assured that we are monitoring the situation closely and in collaboration with our local health authorities. Our number one priority is the health and safety of our students, staff and their families.

Again, thank you for your collaboration and understanding,



Kim McInnes
Head of School