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Dear St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that two students at St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School have tested positive for COVID-19.

One student was last in the school on Friday, September 18, 2020; the other on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Hamilton Public Health Services confirmed these positive cases today and have determined through their investigations that both cases pose no risk to our school population.

Out of respect for the privacy of the individuals, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

Hamilton Public Health Services has been in contact with St. John the Baptist CES to determine whether there were any individuals who may have come in contact with the students. The school will also be following guidance from HPHS around infection prevention and control. As part of its COVID-19 action plan, the HWCDSB will undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas at the school occupied by the cases and will ensure all preventive measures are in place. Persons who test positive may not return to school until they are cleared by HPHS.

The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff is always a priority concern for our school and school board, but is especially important during the current pandemic. We will continue to work closely with HPHS to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent transmission to other students and individuals in the school community. Students and staff should continue to attend school, unless directed otherwise by HPHS, and to screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms on the provincial [COVID-19 school screening website](#).

Please follow the directions provided in the COVID-19 school screening. If your child(ren) develops COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home from school. Please inform the school of any absences and symptoms your child(ren) is/are experiencing.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please consult the Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 Hotline at 905-974-9848 or phscovid19@hamilton.ca.

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff and will keep you updated as more information becomes known.

Sincerely,

Miss L. St. Aubin
Principal