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Dear St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Secondary School Parents and Guardians:

We have been informed by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) of a positive COVID-19 case involving a non-NPSC individual on a sports team and on a shared bus. The sports team and the bus route are affiliated with St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Secondary School. All high-risk contacts have already been communicated with and have been advised to self-isolate away from others immediately. We have been advised that **no** classroom cohorts have been dismissed.

At this time, **St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Secondary School remains open for in-person learning.**

The Health Unit worked closely with the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board to conduct contact tracing:

- **Students and staff who were considered a “high-risk” contact have received further directions from Public Health Officials.** All high-risk contacts immediately self-isolated, regardless of vaccination status, while they awaited further direction and were advised to arrange for a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.
- **All students and staff who were not contacted by Public Health Officials are considered to have had a low-risk exposure to the person who tested positive for COVID-19.** All students and staff who were not directly contacted by the Health Unit were determined to be a low-risk contact. A low-risk exposure includes transient interactions such as walking by a person with COVID-19, or briefly being in the same room with a person who has COVID-19. In these situations, the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 is very low; however self-monitoring for symptoms is recommended. Self-isolation and testing are not recommended for low-risk exposures.

If you would like to speak to a public health nurse about your risk for COVID-19, you can call the Health Unit at 1-844-478-1400.

We continue to follow all enhanced health and safety protocols inclusive of daily self-screening, strict student cohorting, masking requirements, physical distancing, enhanced hand hygiene, and regular enhanced cleaning measures including disinfecting throughout all contact areas in the school. In addition, ventilation systems have been modified to increase the amount of incoming fresh air and have been programmed to operate longer hours to ensure occupied spaces have full air exchanges before, during, and after class time. Stand-alone HEPA filtration units have also been provided in all occupied areas where mechanical ventilation is not available.



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If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care. If you need further assistance, call your healthcare provider or the Health Unit at **1-844-478-1400**. If you have severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, you should call 911 and mention your symptoms.

We thank all of our parents in advance for your continued support of the [school and child care screening](#) tool and of the importance you place on daily self-screening. Please continue to monitor your email and Edsby accounts for any additional information that may become available.

Thank you.

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board