



St. Vincent

Catholic Elementary School

October 6, 2020

Dear St. Vincent Parents & Guardians,

I wish to inform you that a positive case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in our school community. Out of respect to this individual and in accordance with AHS guidelines, we cannot disclose personal details. However, we are able to share that we learned of this confirmed COVID-19 case on Tuesday, October 6 and the individual is isolating at home. We understand that the individual was last in the school on Wednesday, September 30 and physical distancing, proper use of PPE, proper hand hygiene and school protocols were consistently maintained while this individual was at St. Vincent.

The administration of St. Vincent has contacted the parents/guardians of any students, as well as staff who may have been in close contact with the individual. AHS will also be following up with those individuals to provide further instruction. If you have not been contacted by the school or AHS your child is considered safe to return to school, granted they pass the [Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#). We are also working closely with AHS to ensure that all necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

Our schools have undertaken exceptional steps to help mitigate the risks of COVID-19 transmission for the safety of students and staff. With everyone following the protocols, we can be assured of a school environment that is as safe as reasonably possible. Parents, we thank you for taking the time to have serious conversations with your children to reinforce how important it is to follow the safety guidelines and protocols.

We remind families to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 using the [Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#) available on our website. Please remember to complete the checklist each day prior to attending school. If you or a member of your family has any of the symptoms of illness listed, please fill out the online [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811.

Out of an abundance of caution and as we continue our focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19, we have directed our custodial services team to conduct enhanced and disinfecting cleaning protocols in the areas identified within the building. This additional cleaning will focus on areas where the individual was present along with high touch areas and surfaces throughout the facility.

Moving forward, it is imperative that we adhere to the AHS school re-entry guidance which states: if a student develops symptoms that could be caused by COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies), the student should be tested for COVID-19 at least once to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to the school.

Further, we want to reinforce that students and employees exhibiting symptoms must stay home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases and their symptoms have resolved.

It will remain our expectation that all staff and students at St. Vincent will continue to follow all protocols in the school and on school grounds including physical distancing, mask wearing, hallway directions, and classroom procedures. Transmission is high risk when staff and students are exposed to a contagious individual without a mask in a space of 2 metres or less for an extended period of 15 minutes or more. Hence, wearing masks is mandatory in Grades 4-12 and strongly recommended in Pre-K to Grade 3, as per AHS and ECSD directions.

The health and safety of our students and staff remains our first priority, and we are confident in the measures we have in place. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Karoline Irlbacher-Jurijew
Principal, St. Vincent



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Dear St. Vincent Parents and Guardians,

I wish to inform you that a positive case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in our school community. Your child has been identified as part of this individual's cohort at any level in which this individual was in direct contact, and therefore is required to quarantine for 14 days. The last day of contact with the individual was Wednesday, September 30 and your child may return to school on Thursday, October 15 if they are symptom free unless otherwise directed by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Out of respect to this individual and in accordance with AHS guidelines, we cannot disclose personal details. However, we are able to share that we learned of this confirmed COVID-19 case on Tuesday, October 6 and the individual is currently isolating at home. Physical distancing, proper use of PPE, proper hand hygiene and school protocols were consistently maintained while this individual was at St. Vincent.

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We remind families to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 using the [Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#) available on our website. It is strongly recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as a precaution. You can book an online appointment by using the [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or by calling Health Link at 811. It is important to note that even if your child tests negative for the virus, they are still required to stay home for a minimum of 14 days.

Your child's teacher will be in touch to share how we will facilitate instruction for the next week to support student learning at home during this period.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please contact 811. If you have any questions for our school, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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