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To the St. Martin Elementary School Community:

This letter is to inform you that Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has been notified that an additional individual associated with St. Martin Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. Following a public health investigation, it was determined that the infection for the individual was likely acquired in the school setting.

As a result, an outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at this school as this situation meets the criteria for a school outbreak set by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. At this time, all other individuals within the cohort have tested negative.

The announcement of the outbreak at St. Martin Elementary School does not mean the school is closing. Only those staff and students in classrooms identified as having had close contact with the case will be excluded from attending school. TBDHU continues to work closely with the school and school board to manage this situation.

All individuals associated with the impacted classes/cohorts have already been dismissed from the school. These individuals and anyone else identified by public health as a close contact will be required to stay home and not return to the school setting until cleared by public health.

TBDHU will contact directly, any individual or their family if they test positive for COVID-19. In addition, all individuals and families of those who are considered close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are also contacted by directly by a public health nurse. If you have not been contacted by TBDHU, your child is not considered at elevated risk at this time.

I recognize that events like this can cause significant concern and distress for families. These are challenging times. I want to reassure you that public health will continue to monitor and assess until the full risk period is done (usually a two week period). Further communication will be provided as needed during that time.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please visit the [TBDHU website](#) or call 625-5900, or 1-888-294-6630.

Sincerely,

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