March 29, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual was last in the school on Friday, Marh 19, 2021. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) today. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

Hamilton Public Health Services has indicated that there are no school-related close contacts with this individual and therefore no risk to the school.

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 a global 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 a single, new COVID-19 symptom, they must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to [www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca.](#) 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 School Health program Hotline at 905-974-9848 (option 5) or covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca.

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff and will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. Van Balkom
Principal