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Dear St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that another student at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19.

The student was last in the school on Friday, February 12, 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 additional school-related close contacts associated with this individual. The case is from one of the isolating cohorts and is connected to the school outbreak declared on February 17th.

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 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.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is currently working with Hamilton Public Health to set up targeted testing clinics at St. Teresa of Avila CES over the next couple of days. The clinics are part of the provincial government's expanded targeted testing initiative to keep schools safe for in-person learning. Details will be shared with you soon.

Please be reminded that the school will move to virtual learning tomorrow. Details are included in the [letter from the HWCDSB](#).

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.

Please be assured of our ongoing commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff. Any new developments will be communicated to you promptly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. Catania
Principal