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Dear Parent/Guardian/School Staff:

This letter is to advise you that Toronto Public Health (TPH) has been notified that someone associated with Derrydown Public School (120 Derrydown Rd, Toronto ON M3J 1R7) has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have not been notified by TPH that you or your child must self-isolate, you or your child can continue to attend school based on the results of the daily screening for symptoms of COVID-19 before school.

TPH follows-up with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 to find out where they may have gotten the infection and who they may have exposed to the virus. TPH works with the school to find out who they were in contact with at the school while they were contagious. When a person with COVID-19 is first identified, all students in the same class cohort will likely be told to self-isolate at home. This may change as Toronto Public Health finds out more information through the investigation.

In addition, TPH is working with the school administration to review and confirm the important public health practices that should be in place to help prevent COVID-19 spread. However, because COVID-19 continues to spread in the community we should all be watching for symptoms. If you or your child has symptoms, the person with symptoms should self-isolate and get tested.

If you have any questions, please call the TPH Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-Sunday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. You can also call Telehealth Ontario 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-866-797-0000. Please visit our website at www.toronto.ca/COVID19 as it is regularly updated with important information about COVID-19, and includes information for parents of school-aged children, which you may find helpful.

Sincerely,

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