

February 26, 2021

Dear St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education learning community,

This letter is to inform you that two adult learners at St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education Centres have tested positive for COVID-19. The first, a learner at the St. Charles Barlake location, was last in the school on Monday, February 22, 2021. The second learner, from St. Charles East 5th Street, last attended on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The positive test results were confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) today. The two cases are unrelated. Out of respect for the privacy of the individuals, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

Any learners, staff or cohorts that are required to quarantine will be notified immediately by the school and will be contacted by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) within the next two days. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to school until they are cleared by HPHS.

Our St. Charles Centres will continue to follow guidance from Public Health Officials around infection prevention and control. As part of its COVID-19 action plan, the HWCDSB will undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas at the school occupied by the symptomatic individuals and will ensure all preventive measures are in place.

The health, safety and well-being of our learners 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 learners and individuals in the school community. Learners 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 you develop a single, new COVID-19 symptom, you must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca. 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 learners and staff and will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,



Mr. M. DiVittorio
Principal

