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# To the Hammarskjold High School Community:

This letter is to advise you that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has identified one COVID-19 case associated with Hammarskjold High School. This new case of COVID-19 is unrelated to the previous individual that we wrote about on February 23, 2021. At this time there is no evidence that the virus has spread in the school setting. This is not considered an outbreak.

We are actively working with the school and Lakehead Public Schools to investigate and manage any potential exposures that may have occurred in the school and any related settings, such as bus transportation.

Through this work, public health is identifying all those who would be considered "close contacts" of the individual with COVID-19. Individuals in the same classroom or cohort, and some or all individuals with the same bus transportation, are considered "close contacts".

Everyone else in the school setting who is not deemed a close contact would not be considered at elevated risk and does not require testing because of this situation at this time.

The full investigation will continue to unfold over the next few days. Additional measures and actions will be taken as needed to manage the situation.

Additional updates will be provided to the school community over the coming days by both TBDHU and the school and school board. For further information about COVID- 19 and schools, please refer to the TBDHU website: TBDHU.com/stopgerms and TBDHU.com/safereturn\_parents.

Sincerely,

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