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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: School Community Notification Letter Regarding a Variant of Concern—École Taché

Manitoba public health officials had previously advised of at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school on between March 5th and March 8th in the school when the individual(s) may have been infectious. The school has received updated information that at least one of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 is confirmed as a variant of concern (VOC). For more information about VOCs, please visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/variants.html. The school is working closely with public health officials and is following their recommendations. Close contacts have been identified and are advised to self-isolate along with their household members.

If you have not been contacted by the school stating your child is a potential close contact and a public health official has not contacted you within two days of receiving this letter, your child has **not** been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this/these case(s). If your child has not been identified as a close contact, public health officials still recommend that you closely monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others.

It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. You may go directly to the nearest COVID-19 testing location during their open hours. For the testing site nearest you, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/testing/index.html>, or call Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

