

School Messenger – COVID-19

Good Morning Tollgate Families,

This is Principal Jessie Hooper. I apologize for the early morning message, but I'm reaching out with some important information.

Late last night, the Brant County Health Unit confirmed a case of COVID-19 in our school community. Understandably, for privacy reasons, the identity of this individual will not be disclosed. This individual has been directed by the health unit to [self-isolate](#), along with any family members who reside in the same household.

Upon receiving this news, we immediately contacted the students and staff initially identified by the Brant County Health Unit as close contacts to this COVID-19 case. Within the next 24-48 hours, the Brant County Health Unit will be in direct contact with these individuals as they work through their contact tracing. The health unit will provide further information and next steps to these individuals.

If your family was not contacted last night, you have not been identified as a close contact at this time. If further Tollgate students or staff are impacted, the Brant County Health Unit will let us know as soon as possible.

Tollgate Technological Skills Centre remains open and we look forward to seeing everyone who has not been directed to self-isolate today. Grand Erie custodians continue to complete their disinfecting of our school each and every night. Moving forward, Tollgate staff will work with students and families to ensure learning continues for those who are required to self-isolate.

A friendly reminder that all Grand Erie students and staff are required to monitor their health daily. If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, please contact your primary health care provider. Anyone concerned they may have developed or been exposed to COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested.

If you have any questions, please take a look at the [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the board's website at www.granderie.ca or you can reach out to us here at the school.

Thank you.