Dear VMC Families:

Vincent Massey Collegiate received **two additional positive COVID-19 test results**.  Families seem to be doing well despite the inconvenience of quarantining at home at this time of year.  Santé Publique is investigating any possible links between cases.  Thus far none have been identified.  We will keep you informed of any information that may be brought to the school's attention.  Students at-risk will be advised in a separate email this afternoon.

Please verify your emails and keep symptomatic children at home.  The school remains open and continues to apply all necessary measures to prevent further spread.

We invite you to be particularly vigilant regarding your family's state of health.  **It is important that students and family members that experience symptoms take the necessary steps.**  This involves staying home, informing the school immediately and going for a screening test. If you are unsure, consult the provincial symptom assessment tool: [https://covid19.quebec.ca/surveys/cdd2/introduction?language=en-ca](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FxMC9ppPH0gFJhgGCImIuPw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRjni-lP0RCaHR0cHM6Ly9jb3ZpZDE5LnF1ZWJlYy5jYS9zdXJ2ZXlzL2NkZDIvaW50cm9kdWN0aW9uP2xhbmd1YWdlPWVuLWNhVwdzY2hvb2xtQgphuyX8vGE5QT2_UhJzZHVmb3J0QGVtc2IucWMuY2FYBAAAAAI~&data=04%7C01%7Csdufort%40emsb.qc.ca%7Cdca0f3cd7ab24cd3858508d9c1a14a66%7C682a8edc3535447b8c7a8431a1d8d1b5%7C0%7C0%7C637753720757066085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=lbN6GfJ0mCA5qI6mHxQqHLfSVJPXpUeTbA%2FsURO0vzg%3D&reserved=0) or contact the Info-COVID-19 line at 1 877-644-4545.

Take pre-cautions if any **one** of the following symptoms appear:

· Fever (38 C or more, oral thermometer) · Sudden loss of smell without congestion or loss of taste · Onset or aggravation of a cough · Difficulty breathing · Shortness of breath · Sore throat

OR

Any **two** of the following symptoms:

· Abdominal pain · Nausea and Vomiting · Diarrhea or gastro-intestinal symptoms · Intense fatigue · Loss of appetite · Muscular pain · Headache

We have reported these cases to Public Health and are awaiting their final recommendations .  Our priority remains the health of our students and staff.  Rest assured that we are monitoring the situation closely in collaboration with the regional public health authorities.

At this time, Public Health has assessed that the cases earlier this week were likely linked to family transfer and not school transfer.  We will keep you updated as information is shared by Public Health.

Thank you for your collaboration.

Regards,

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