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Gordon Bell High School  
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Dear Parent/Guardian of Students at Gordon Bell High School,

Manitoba public health officials advised Gordon Bell High School today of four confirmed cases of COVID-19 present in the school between November 12 and 16, 2020 when the individuals may have been infectious. These cases are linked; however, it is not believed that they were acquired in the school, and there is no evidence of transmission of the virus in the school at this time.

Gordon Bell High School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Based on the public health investigation, these exposures were assessed to be low risk overall for the school community. No close contacts have been identified in the school. Classroom contacts are being advised to monitor for symptoms and seek testing if symptoms develop, effective today.

Please note: the school is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed cases of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community or media.

**If you have not been contacted via a separate letter, your child has not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case.** However, 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 [gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html](http://gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html), or call Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

A	B
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)

Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom-free for 24 hours.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,



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