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Collège Garden City Collegiate
711 Jefferson Avenue,
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Dear Parent/Guardian of Garden City Collegiate:

Manitoba public health officials have advised Collège Garden City Collegiate of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the school in grade 11 on Monday, Sept. 14th, Tuesday, Sept. 15th and Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 2020.

Collège Garden City Collegiate is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Upon learning of this information, the school immediately closed off areas used by the infected person and will not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfection have occurred.

Be assured that public health investigations begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test to identify individuals who may have been exposed. Anyone identified as a close contact will be contacted and provided instructions for self-isolation (quarantine). Testing may also be recommended.

Based on the public health investigation, this exposure was assessed to be low risk. At this time, no close contacts in the classrooms have been identified at Garden City Collegiate. No one is required to self-isolate from this exposure. The school will remain open to all other students and staff, who can continue to attend school in person.

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

If you have not been contacted by public health officials, you or your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. However, if you or 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. Call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 for information on testing and isolation.

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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On behalf of Dr. Joss Reimer
 Medical Director of Public Health
 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority