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To the McKellar Park Central Public School Community:

This letter is to inform you that Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) has been notified that two additional individuals associated with McKellar Park Central Public School have tested positive for COVID-19. These two were in the same class cohort as one of the previously reported cases. Following a public health investigation, it was determined that the infection for the two individuals was likely acquired in the school setting.

As a result of this, an outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared at this school as this situation meets the criteria for a school outbreak set by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. Follow-up and testing of other individuals in the impacted cohorts is ongoing and test results are still coming in.

Since the school is currently closed for in-person instruction, no further measures need to be implemented because of the outbreak declaration. TBDHU continues to work closely with McKellar Park Central Public School and Lakehead Public Schools to manage this situation.

TBDHU will contact directly any individual or their family if they test positive for COVID-19. In addition, all individuals and families of those who are considered close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are also contacted by directly by a public health nurse. If you have not been contacted by TBDHU, your child is not considered at elevated risk at this time.

The child care centre, Little Lions Waldorf Daycare, which is adjoined to the school facility, will continue to operate as usual as the children and staff are not associated with those of McKellar Park Central.

I recognize that events like this can cause significant concern and distress for families. These are challenging times. I want to reassure you that public health will continue to monitor and assess until the full risk period is done (usually a two week period). Further communication will be provided as needed during that time.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please visit the [TBDHU website](#) or call 625-5900, or 1-888-294-6630.

Sincerely,

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