

# NEWS RELEASE

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## COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School

NORTH BAY, ON - The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School (St. Theresa) in Callander. A COVID-19 outbreak is declared in a school setting when two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 have an epidemiological link.

The Health Unit was made aware of the first individual who tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 16, 2021. At that time, all parents and guardians were made aware, and the class was dismissed. Yesterday, Nov. 18, 2021, the Health Unit was made aware of a second individual who tested positive for COVID-19 from the same classroom.

In an effort to prevent further spread of the virus, on Nov. 16, 2021, the Health Unit supported contacting all parents/guardians of individuals who rode on East Ferris Bus Lines 203 to advise of next steps. As a result of the second individual testing positive for COVID-19, on Nov. 18, 2021, the Health Unit supported contact to all parents/guardians of individuals who rode on East Ferris Bus Lines 245 to advise of next steps. Parents/guardians of individuals who attend the childcare program at YMCA St. Theresa site have also been contacted and been dismissed.

“The outbreak is at a location where many of the individuals are not yet eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19,” explains Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health. “We continue to work with St. Theresa Elementary School and the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and thank them both for their quick response.”

For more information on the outbreak and local COVID-19 cases, visit the COVID-19 Status Report dashboard at [myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19](https://myhealthunit.ca/COVID-19).

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