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**Subject: Information to parents – Update #13**

Dear SWLSB Families,

We hope everyone is doing well as we approach March Break. Please find below various information.

**Public Health Directives – COVID-19 Variants**

The Public Health Department has issued new directives for positive COVID-19 cases that involve a **suspected variant strain**. Stricter procedures are being put in place in order to contain and prevent transmission of variants.

Public Health has indicated that COVID-19 variants do not appear to be more dangerous but they are more contagious.

Students and staff members in the same class as someone who is suspected of having a **COVID-19 variant after testing positive to a COVID-19 test** will be required to follow these steps:

- Isolate for 14 days (even if they have no symptoms);
- Get tested **a first time** to confirm if they are positive or negative;  
**NEW:** Get tested **a second time** on the 12<sup>th</sup> day in isolation to reassess the result before returning to school/centre.

Please note that **two different** letters are sent to stakeholders when a COVID-19 case is declared in a school/centre:

1. A **specific letter** for the students and staff in the class/daycare or bus that have to isolate;
2. A **general letter** to the school/centre stakeholders to inform them of a case.

In both situations, the letters will specify if it is a **COVID-19 case** or a **suspected COVID-19 variant case**.

We thank you for carefully reading the communications you receive and for diligently following the directives and measures from the Public Health Department. **Our individual efforts will help to restrain the spread of the virus throughout our communities.**

**School Perseverance**

As Hooked on School Days (HSD) Week is coming to an end, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to our students. As we all navigate through this pandemic, our students have shown resilience, patience and adaptability. If you missed the HSD videos, here they are:

- Hooked on School Days 30-second video: [https://youtu.be/e\\_Kfo2GyHcA](https://youtu.be/e_Kfo2GyHcA)
- Hooked on School Days 60-second: <https://youtu.be/jZNbQq9JNcl>

We also thank all our stakeholders, parents, staff and community partners for supporting our youth. As per the theme of the 2021 Hooked on School Days campaign, let's always remember that **the power of small gestures** has no boundaries.

**Resources for Students and Families**

Our Pedagogical Services team has prepared a [list of resources](#) available to students and families. Please consult these resources and do not hesitate to reach out when help and support are needed.

We wish all our SWLSB families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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