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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You have previously received a letter informing you of an exposure to COVID-19 in your child's **Class**. Your child is required to stay home from school and to isolate from others until the end of the day **February 22, 2021** (14 days from last exposure) and can return to school on **February 23, 2021** or as directed by DRHD. It was recommended at that time that all household members (including siblings and parents) were to stay home except for essential reasons until the end of your child's isolation period.

We have recently received updated provincial guidance regarding household members and the definition of "essential reasons". Currently, all household members (including siblings and parents) are required to stay home <u>except</u> for attending work/school/childcare and essential errands such as groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions.

This clarifies siblings can return to school, childcare and parents/guardians to work as soon as you receive this letter. Otherwise please stay home except for the essential reasons noted above until the end of your child's isolation period.

Please contact Durham Health Connection Line Please call Durham Health Connection Line 1-800-841-2729 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terra Rodaro, RN

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