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Dear LCS Families,

Yesterday, Manitoba Public Health announced a change to public health orders that require all members of Winnipeg Metropolitan Region households to isolate if one member of the home is ill, experiencing COVID symptoms or awaiting test results.

I have reviewed the Government of Manitoba's Media Release, [COVID-19 Bulletin #241](#) and provide the following excerpt to provide further insight into stay-at-home requirements for our school community.

"Public health officials are advising the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region that **anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate.** The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are a health-care worker or first responder."

This means if a family member in your household is symptomatic, students must stay home until isolation is no longer required by Manitoba Public Health. If you are unsure if the public health directive applies to your household, if symptoms are mild or even if you think the illness is unrelated to COVID-19, use Manitoba Public Health's [Screening Tool](#).

Public Health's Factsheet on Isolation referenced in the Bulletin is provided [here](#) for ease of reference.

We continue to provide temporary remote learning ONLY in situations where there are medically documented personal or family health risk factors or where a student is staying home because they must isolate as directed by Public Health (i.e. if one member of the home is ill, experiencing COVID symptoms or awaiting test results). LCS is committed to following all provincial protocols for the safety of students and staff, while maximizing in-class learning and providing our students with the Christ-centred education, skills and support they need for future success.

As you are aware, we are at a critical time in Manitoba's response to the pandemic. The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer urges Manitobans to not socialize with people from outside their household, to cut down the number of close contacts and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces. Now more than ever, we want to do our part to help stop the spread of COVID and avoid overwhelming the health care system. We also want to keep our students learning safely in school.

We appreciate your support and prayers as we walk through this challenging time together.

In His Service,

Robert Charach