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COVID-19 UPDATE

The Premier, Minister for Health and Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that preparations are well underway to manage the growing risk of an emerging COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Victoria.

Victoria is well-prepared to deal with an outbreak, and the Department of Education and Training is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to plan for and respond to the likely impact on our schools.

What to do

If a staff member or student feels unwell they should contact their GP to discuss getting tested for the virus. If you are confirmed as having the virus, please provide the school with a copy of notification of a confirmed case.

It is imperative that you notify the school in the following circumstances:

- If you are confirmed to have a case of COVID-19
- If you have been in close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days

'Close contact' is defined by DHHS as someone who has had at least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case, or shared a closed space with someone for more than two hours with a confirmed case.

Good hygiene practices are the most effective means of minimising the spread of COVID-19. Our staff are encouraging good hygiene practices and there is soap available in each classroom and all toilets.

School closures

School closures will be made on the recommendation Victoria's Chief Health Officer. Once this occurs, DHHS will inform the Department of Education and Training, and they will then work with affected school/s to implement the closure.

Kind Regards,

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