



City of Hamilton
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To all Students, Parents and Staff at Adelaide Hoodless School,

Hamilton Public Health Services has received notice that a number of students from Adelaide Hoodless School have recently become ill with gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Adelaide Hoodless School is working closely with public health to ensure appropriate measures are in place to prevent the spread of illness to other students or people in the school community. A fact sheet with further information about gastrointestinal illness is included with this letter for your information.

The advice from Hamilton Public Health Services to parents, students and staff at this time is:

- **Inform school of symptoms:** If staff or a student is away from school, please inform the school as to the reason for the absence; provide information about symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain. This will help us better understand the extent of the illness transmission in the school population.
- **Wash your hands:** Wash hands often with soap and warm water, especially after using the washroom and before eating. If hand-washing facilities are not available, use a hand sanitizer.
- **Stay home when ill:** Staff or students should not go to school if they develop signs and symptoms of illness such as diarrhea, vomiting or nausea. If a staff or student becomes ill while at school, they should go home and not return **until 48 hrs after** the illness has resolved.
- **Keep the environment clean:** Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces will assist in preventing spread of illness.
- **Do not share items:** Students and staff should not share food, beverages and other personal items such as utensils, lip products or toothbrushes.
- **Contact your health care provider, if necessary:** If the symptoms worsen, seek medical attention.

Should you have any questions please call the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Program at (905) 546-2063.

Sincerely,

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