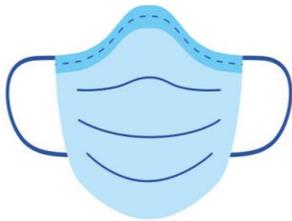


COVID-19 INFORMATION

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS GUIDE

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Return to near normal daily in-school classes with health measures



Learning in the new school year

Students will return to school beginning September 8th, 2020.

There are health measures that everyone has to follow to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and help stay safe.

While your school will develop a plan to meet the government's health recommendations, everyone will have a role to play.

PARENTS' ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOL SAFE

Screen for symptoms every morning

Check every morning to see if your child has any of the following symptoms.

If yes, they must stay at home.

- Fever, cough shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, painful swallowing
- Runny nose/nasal congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite
- Loss of sense of taste or smell, muscle/joint aches, headache, Conjunctivitis (pink eye)



Stay home when sick or if in contact with someone who is sick

Students, parents or family members must not enter the school if they;

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Had close contact with someone who is ill with a cough/and or fever
- Have anyone in the household who has been in close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to have COVID-19
- Had close contact with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and who is ill.

Keep a safe distance

Keep 2 metres between you and others when possible:

- During drop-off and pick-up
- During interactions with a teacher, school staff or other parents and students

Pick up students promptly if they show symptoms at school
You will be asked to pick up your child from school immediately if they show symptoms. Please ensure the school has your most up to date contact information so they may reach you if our child needs to be picked up.

Taking your child to school:
If your child normally takes the bus, consider taking them directly to school if your personal situation allows for it. This would help with physical distancing on the bus for students who do not have other options beside taking the bus.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Talk to you child about some of the new health measures to help them prepare for the first day of school:

- Sanitize hands before entering school and classrooms
- Keep a distance between others and follow marks in hallways
- Do not share food or personal items
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Tell staff if feeling sick at school
- Lunch and recess time may change to allow for more physical distancing
- Students may be asked to stay in their own cohort to decrease contact with others
- Students who take the bus will have to sit in the same seat everyday
- All students (Grades 4-12) must wear non-medical masks on school buses

Cohort:

A cohort is a group of students who remain together. The size of the cohort will depend on the physical space of the classroom.

The risk of COVID-19 is reduced by limiting exposure to others. Staying in a cohort also makes contact tracing easier and faster is there is a suspected case of COVID-19.

Your child may feel nervous about what school will be like. While there will be changes, the key school experience will be the same as before – they will learn in class with their teacher and see friends.

HEALTH MEASURES AT SCHOOLS

Schools will follow detailed guidelines to prepare for the return of students. For example:

- More cleaning and disinfection of high touch areas and shared equipment
- Allow for physical distancing when possible, which may include:
 - Stagger pick up and drop off times
 - One way or marked hallways and designated entrance and exit doors
 - Leave space between desks and tables
 - Stagger start and end times for classes and lunchtime to avoid crowded hallways
 - Limiting bathroom occupancy
- When physical distancing is not possible, masks will be worn and extra emphasis will be on hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning.
- Wearing non-medical masks is strongly encouraged at all times.

