

This year, we have new health and safety measures in place to help keep students and staff safe from the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including families, plays a critical role in supporting health and safety in our school communities.

## Every day, please

### Screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home if they:

- Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19
  - Have been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days
  - Have returned from travel outside of Canada in the past 14 days
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- Provide multiple snug and comfortable **masks (at least 3)** for your child, so they have back-ups ready. We suggest separate bags to store clean and dirty masks and a pouch or fanny pack to hold them. Wash cloth masks daily.
  - Review and practice proper **hand washing** techniques at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a mask or cloth face covering.
  - Pack a full **water bottle** and practice providing a **litterless/boomerang** lunch and snacks daily. Sharing of food is not allowed and garbage will be sent home to help keep our schools clean. Please remember that lunches **cannot** be dropped off at school.
  - If you send **school supplies**, such as crayons and scissors, please store them in a labelled pencil case and inform your child to avoid sharing.
  - Dress your child in **weather appropriate clothing**; they may be spending more time outdoors.
  - Make sure your information is current at school, including **emergency contacts** and individuals authorized to pick up your child from school. When they are sick, pick up your child promptly.
  - Follow your school's **local protocols**, including drop off and pick up protocols and using the designated entry doors.
  - Remind your child of **physical distancing** and following the flow of traffic and other measures in place at school.
  - Limit **personal belongings** being brought to school - students/parents to assess their backpacks for extraneous items daily.
  - Please be **patient and flexible** as we adjust to these new measures to help keep everyone safe.