

King City SS e-Newsletter



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February 12, 2021

New Public Health Guidelines

Over the course of this week, an email was sent home to families detailing new public health measures that will start on Tuesday, including new requirements for daily self screening. Please ensure that you and your student are familiar with these updates.

A reminder that:

- Masks must be worn at all times on school property, including the school bus
- York Region Public Health recommends that students wear a [three layer mask](#)
- Students are not too congregate before or after school
- A physical distance of two metres must be maintained at all times
- Students must enter through the front door only
- All students will be required to confirm successful completion of the York Region Public Health [screening tool](#) - students will do this upon entering the building
- Students with one symptom of covid 19 are to stay home and follow public health direction (more info [here](#))
- Students with a family member who is sick are to stay home and follow public health direction (more info [here](#))

This is just a short summary of the information shared. Families should review all communication from the school board received this week.

A document with the screening tool questions can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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**KCSS Webstore is now open!
Please see the attached flyer!**



School News

Textbook/Materials Return

If your student still has materials that were loaned by the school in first semester, below is the process for return.

For students returning to face to face learning at King City SS, you may return your items when you return to school on the first day of in person learning for your cohort. That will be February 16th for cohort A or February 17th for cohort B. Information about student cohorts will be sent later this week. When you arrive at school, after coming in the front doors and performing hand hygiene you may return your items in the cafeteria. Simply, place your materials on the appropriate table for each department. There will be staff available should you need assistance.

For students not returning to KCSS for second semester, we ask that you contact the school to arrange a time to drop off your materials. Please ensure that you call in advance to arrange a time, as visitors without an appointment are not allowed in the building, as per Public Health protocol. There is currently staff in the building from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

March Break Postponed

Yesterday, the Minister of Education announced that they are postponing the March Break to April 12-16. This means that students in both virtual and in-class learning environments will continue to attend class through the previously scheduled break March 15-19.

This decision was made by the government in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 that the province saw following the winter break. The government continues to encourage families not to travel outside the country.

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

Monday, February 15th

- ☐ Family Day - no school

Tuesday, February 16th

- ☐ Schools reopen for in person learning with Adaptive model schedule

Friday, February 26th

- ☐ Feedback Day

Monday, March 1st

- ☐ Rotation 2 begins

Monday, April 12th

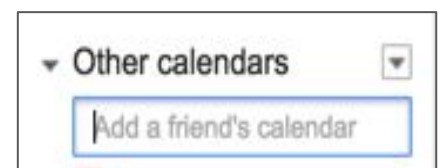
- ☐ Mid semester break begins

Friday, April 16th

- ☐ Mid semester break ends

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Add our email address to add our calendar to your calendar, and never miss an event again!



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School News - reminder



Black History Month

STANDING ON STRONG SHOULDERS

FEB 1-28 2021

Join us for an exciting lineup of virtual activities!

FEATURING:

Flag Raising Ceremony, Reception, Panel Discussion, Music, Guest Author, Ujamaa Black-Owned Marketplace and more!

Visit newmarket.ca/blackhistory for complete schedule, activities and to register.

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Use the custom website link and start shopping online for your apparel!

www.SchoolWear.ca/KCS



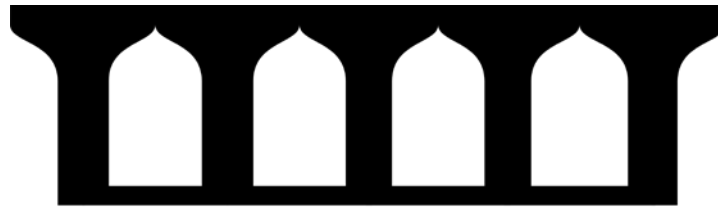
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TO WELL-BEING

YRDSB MUSLIM STUDENT CONFERENCE

[Register Now](#)

March 2, 3, 4 2021

4:00-6:00pm

Join Us for Workshops with Muslim Leaders on
Well-Being, Nutrition, Exercise & Training, Literature
& Writing, Healing & Hope and Art

With Guest Speakers....

Mohamad Fakh

Entrepreneur &
Philanthropist

**Jamilah Thompkins-
Bigelow**

Author of Mommy's
Khimar

Uzma Jalaluddin

Author of Ayesha At
Last

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Re-opening of York Region school for in-person learning

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Dear staff and families,

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021 the Minister of Education announced schools in York Region will re-open for in-person learning on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

York Region Public Health reassures you it is safe to return to school. We are working in close partnership with the school board and taking all appropriate steps for the health, safety and well-being of our school community. This includes updating our screening guidance and implementing more stringent protocols.

Updated screening guidance

Effective immediately, all students and staff are required to complete a [York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool](#). Daily confirmation of screening will be required for staff and secondary students.

Effective immediately:

- If a student or staff member has **ONE** symptom of COVID-19 they are required to stay home from school and child-care and get tested for COVID-19 at an [Assessment Centre](#)
- If anyone in a household has travelled outside of Canada, everyone must stay home from school and child-care until the 14-day quarantine period has finished, except for essential reasons
- If anyone in your household is sick and has not tested negative for COVID-19, or does not have an alternative diagnosis from a health-care provider, all others in the household must stay home from school and child-care until the results are known or an alternative diagnosis is provided
- If someone in the household is identified as a high-risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, the whole household is required to stay home from school for the 14-day quarantine period, except for essential reasons**

**Please note: Individuals in a dismissed cohort do not need to have the rest of their household stay home from school or child-care unless contacted by Public Health. Public Health will work with the impacted school or child-care setting to identify individuals within cohorts that may be at increased risk of exposure to provide further direction.

Updated information on masking

To keep students and staff safe, the provincial government is advising all students in Grades 1 to 12 must wear non-medical or [cloth masks or face coverings](#) indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes, on school transportation and outdoors during recess where students cannot maintain physical distancing.

As an added layer of protection, the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) recommends Canadians wear 3-layer cloth masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [Existing 2-layer cloth masks](#) can still be used as before.

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Testing

York Region Public Health is working with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to implement asymptomatic testing clinics and symptomatic rapid testing clinics across York Region. More information will be released shortly.

What happens if there is a case of COVID-19 in my child's class?

Any staff or children who have had close contact with a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a school will receive a letter from York Region Public Health advising them to stay at home for 14 days. Certain individuals may receive more instructions from Public Health if the investigation reveals the student/staff/essential visitor is at increased risk of exposure. These individuals will receive a phone call from Public Health to outline any additional requirements, including isolation of household contacts.

The identity of any person who contracts COVID-19 is protected under privacy legislation and cannot be shared. You would want this same privacy if your family was affected. We remain committed to respecting the privacy of all students and staff.

Schools in York Region have worked diligently to implement strict public health measures within the school environment such as physical distancing of students and staff, increased hand hygiene, cohorting of classrooms and the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of acquiring COVID-19. In addition to regular twice-daily cleaning of high touch surfaces, additional cleaning of affected areas will be undertaken to make sure the building remains safe.

Important reminders for all York Region residents

York Region Public Health reminds all residents about the importance of providing a history of all contacts and contact information if you test positive for COVID-19. This is crucial to the prevention and control of this infection.

Close contact continues to be the largest factor of spread of the COVID-19 virus in York Region. Providing Public Health with a history of all contacts and contact information if you test positive for COVID-19 helps us with contact tracing, our most effective tool to slow the spread of COVID-19 and interrupt further transmission.

It is important to be honest about your recent actions and interactions. Please work with us to support our contact tracing efforts; we are working hard to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep you, your family and our communities safe.

It is important to follow the advice of York Region Public Health. Please visit york.ca/COVID19 and york.ca/SafeAtSchool for information on ways to protect yourself, your family and your school community.

COVID-19 SCHOOL AND CHILD-CARE SCREENING TOOL

Students/children, staff and essential visitors must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school or child-care. Parents/guardians can fill this out on behalf of a child.

Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

SCREENING QUESTIONS

1. Is the student/child/staff/essential visitor currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

(Check the appropriate answer. Choose any/all that are new, worsening and not related to other known causes or conditions they already have)

Fever and/or chills Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher	Yes	No	
Cough or barking cough (croup) Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No	
Shortness of breath Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No	
Decrease or loss of taste or smell Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders or other known causes or conditions they already have	Yes	No	
Sore throat or difficulty swallowing Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No	
Runny or stuffy/congested nose Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather or other known causes or conditions they already have	Yes	No	
Headache Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No	
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps or other known causes or conditions they already have	Yes	No	
Extreme tiredness or muscle aches Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No	
Pink eye (Adults 18+ only) Conjunctivitis, not related to other known causes or conditions	Yes	No	N/A
Frequent Falls (For older adults)	Yes	No	N/A

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2. In the last 14 days, has the student/child/staff/essential visitor travelled outside of Canada?	Yes	No
3. In the last 14 days, has the student/child/staff/essential visitor been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?	Yes	No
4. Has a doctor, health care provider or public health unit told you that the student/child/staff/essential visitor should currently be isolating (staying at home)?	Yes	No
5. Has someone in the household travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and are currently living within the home (i.e. are not isolating at a government-funded isolation centre)?	Yes	No
6. Has someone in the household been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?	Yes	No
7. Is someone in the household sick with the COVID-19 symptoms outlined above (new or worsening) and does not yet have a negative COVID-19 test result or alternative diagnosis from a health-care provider?	Yes	No

If you selected "Yes" to any of the above, the student/ child/staff/essential visitor should stay home (do not go to school or child-care)

SCREENING RESULTS

If you answered "YES" to question 1 and the student/child/staff/essential visitor has any ONE of the symptoms listed, do not go to school or child-care

- The student/child/staff/essential visitor should isolate (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency
- All members of the household should stay home (this means not attending any school or daycare setting) and only leave the home for essential reasons
- Book an appointment to get the student/child/staff/essential visitor a COVID-19 test:
 - If the result is negative, the student/child/staff/essential visitor and household members can return to normal activities (including school and child-care) as long as they do not have a fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours
 - If the result is positive, the student/child/staff/essential visitor who is COVID-19 positive must isolate for 10 days after symptoms first started AND household members must self-isolate as directed by Public Health; contact your school/child-care provider to let them know about this result
- If you do not get tested for COVID-19, the student/child/staff/essential visitor that is symptomatic but not tested should isolate for 10 days after symptoms first started AND household members should isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to the symptomatic household contact

If you answered "YES" to question 2, 3, or 4, do not go to school or child care

- The student/child/staff/essential visitor should self-isolate (stay home) for 14 days after last known exposure OR return from travel, or as directed by Public Health, and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency
- Book an appointment to get the student/child/staff/essential visitor a COVID-19 test (if not already completed)
- Follow the advice of Public Health. Individuals can return to school/child-care after they are cleared by Public Health
- If student/child/staff/essential visitor develop symptoms, seek testing at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre and contact public health or a doctor/health-care provider for more advice
- All members of your household should stay home (which includes not attending a school or child-care centre) except for essential activities

If you answered "YES" to question 5 or 6 do not go to school or child-care

- The student/child/staff/essential visitor should stay home from school and daycare and only leave the home for essential reasons for the full isolation period of the household member regardless of if the household member tests negative
- If the household member is symptomatic and/or has a positive COVID-19 test result, the student/child/staff/essential visitor and household members must self-isolate for 14 days after their last contact with the household member who is COVID-19 positive; the student/child/staff/essential visitor of the household member should also seek out testing as recommended by Public Health

If you answered "YES" to question 7, do not go to school or child care

- The student/child/staff/essential visitor should stay home from school and daycare and only leave the home for essential reasons
- If the household member's result is negative, the student/child/staff/essential visitor and household members can return to normal activities as long as they do not have a fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours
- If the household member's result is positive, the student/child/staff/essential visitor and household members must self-isolate for 14 days after their last contact with the household member who is COVID-19 positive; the student/child/staff/essential visitor of the household member should also seek out testing as recommended by Public Health

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