



# REVIEW



February 12, 2021

## Principal's Message:

Happy Lunar New Year to our families who celebrate. We wish everyone good health and much success in 2021!

Our Rouge Park staff is excited to welcome your children back to f2f learning on February 16th. The previously established routines will remain in effect (cohorting, entering and exiting the building, social distancing etc.) along with the enhanced safety protocols communicated by the Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health. Please take some time to review these protocols with your children prior to the school reopening on Tuesday. With the wearing of masks outside as well as inside now, students may wish to bring more than one mask per day. We will encourage them to use the fanny pack previously provided for safe and clean storage of their masks while at school. This newsletter contains some important updates from our school and from the board. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email or by calling the school next week. Wishing you all a wonderful Family Day weekend.



Stay safe and well,  
Lindsey Maclean  
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## Health and Safety Measures:

There are some new health and safety measures in place including:

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3, as well as those in Grades 4-12. Students in Kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- Masks are now required outdoors, during recess as well as in common areas, in addition to in-class.
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear three-layer masks. Two layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.

### New Self-Screening Tool for Returning Students

Please ensure that you are evaluating your child's health prior to sending them to school each day. [The link to the COVID-19 Screening Tool lists all of the screening questions.](#) If staff or students have even ONE symptom they are required to stay home from school. At the elementary level, students will be screened by their parents at home, families do not need to submit an electronic or paper copy.

## **Technology Return:**

If your child borrowed a device from the school during the F2F school closure, AND your child is staying in the F2F program for the remainder of the year, please send the device *and* power cord with your child on Tuesday morning. Ensure a label with your child's name is on the front cover. If your child borrowed a device *and* are switching to the EVS platform on March 3rd, keep the device at home for the duration of EVS.

## **School Council:**

Our next **School Council Meeting** will be on **February 25, 2021 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. A link to the meeting and an agenda will be shared with you the day before the meeting. Please consider joining us; we value your voice as part of our community. Everyone is always welcome!

## **March 9th Wellness Evening:**

Together with our School Council, we will be hosting a Virtual Wellness Evening on March 9th @ 6:30 p.m.. Please consider coming together for an evening of information and conversation with our school Psychologist and Social Worker about **Mental Health, Wellness, and Coping, Managing and Parenting** in the time of Covid. Resources for parents will be shared and questions will be answered. Please see the flyer and link to as questions below.

## **March Break**

April is the new March! Please be advised that the Ministry announced that the date of the March Break has been changed to **April 12-16**. While this has been disappointing news to some parents and students, I'm sure we will be happy about it in April!

## **Are You Moving?**

We are in the process of starting to set up for the September start of the 2021-2022 school year. If you know your child/children will be attending another school in September please email or call the school office to let us know.

## **Please Scroll Down**

# 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.

**Stay safe. Stay Informed.**

[york.ca/COVID19](http://york.ca/COVID19)

## 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](https://york.ca/COVID19) and [york.ca/SafeAtSchool](https://york.ca/SafeAtSchool) for information on ways to protect yourself, your family and your school community.



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YRDSB MUSLIM STUDENT CONFERENCE

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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 Fasih

Entrepreneur &  
Philanthropist

Jamilah Thompkins-  
Bigelow

Author of Mommy's  
Khimar

Uzma Jalaluddin

Author of Ayesha At  
Last



Rouge Park P.S  
Cornell Village P.S

# An Evening of Information and Conversation

## PARENT WEBINAR

We know this has been a challenging time for students and their families. In consultation with your schools' Administration and Parent Committees, we would like to offer a virtual Webinar to better support you in this time.

During this Webinar, we will discuss:

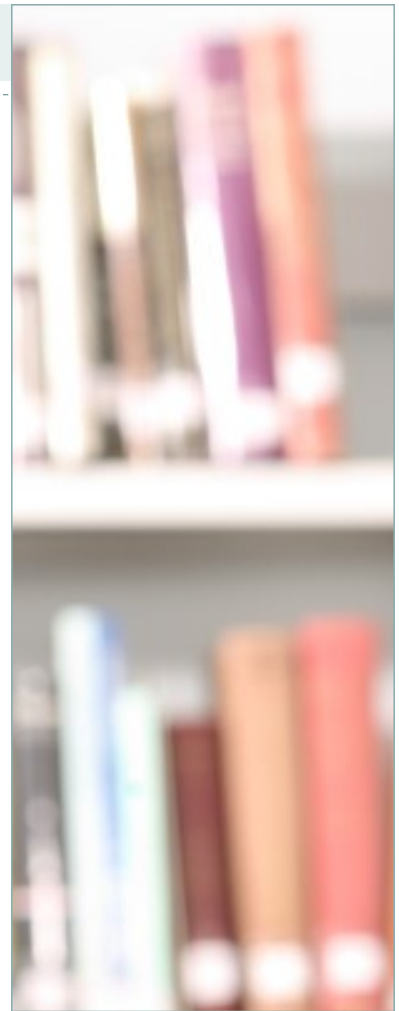
- ◆ Mental Health and Anxiety in Children
- ◆ Coping and Parenting during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ◆ Resources to support Parents' Mental Wellness

This presentation is intended for Parents/Caregivers and **not** for Students.

## QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION

Your participation in the presentation is encouraged. We will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please follow this link to submit your questions:

<https://forms.gle/QgWPoeAddKtQXzza7>



### **WHEN**

March 9, 2021  
6:30-7:30pm

### **WHERE**

Virtual Webinar  
(link to follow)

### **PRESENTERS**

Dr. Jason Bloom,  
School Psychologist

Randie Berger, MSW  
School Social Worker