

Ottawa, January 21, 2021

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE | DECISION ON RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING**

Dear parents and guardians,

The Ontario government has released a list of territories that are allowed to resume in-person education. Please read the government press release ([Follow the link](#)).

The following CEPEO schools will therefore resume in-person teaching from January 25, 2021:

- É.é.p. Cité Jeunesse
- É.s.p. Marc-Garneau
- É.é.p. Madeleine-de-Roybon
- É.s.p. Mille-Îles
- É.é.s.p. Rivière Rideau
- É.é.s.p. L'Équinoxe

All students from these schools registered in person will be required to report to the school next Monday.

School transportation will again be offered to students in these schools. The safety measures in place since the start of the school year (wearing a mask, assigned seats) will continue to be applied.

### **Extension of virtual learning**

All other CEPEO schools will continue their activities in virtual mode at least until February 10 inclusive.

### **P.A.V.É.**

Student Virtual Learning (P.A.V.É.) activities continue as usual.

### **Distinct classes and programs at *école Le Transit***

Students enrolled in separate systemic classes for students with special needs, as well as those in programs identified by Le Transit school will continue to be in attend classes in person.

### **Childcare services**

All CEPEO childcare centers will remain open for preschool children only.

Only before and after school daycare services in the schools identified above will be open as of January 25.

Emergency child care services will continue to provide care.

### **Additional health and safety measures**

We are asking parents of students in schools returning to in-person classes on January 25 to ensure that they follow all of the health and safety guidelines in the [Back-to-School Guide](#).

Here is a list of reminders of the instructions to follow ([Follow the link](#))

### **NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES AS OF JANUARY 25**

- **Wearing a mask for students**

- Wearing a non-medical or fabric mask, already mandatory for all students in grades 4 to 12, is now mandatory for all students in grades 1 to 3, including students in separate classes, programs at Le Transit school and childcare services, subject to reasonable exceptions.
- Wearing a mask is strongly recommended, but not compulsory, for junior and senior Kindergarten students.
- Wearing a mask is compulsory outdoors for all students in Grades 1 to 12 when it is impossible to maintain physical distancing.
- We ask you to provide at least three spare masks for your children. Masks should be changed at least three times a day or after going outdoors, since a wet mask loses its effectiveness.

- **Gatherings**

- We ask that you do not gather before and after school when dropping off and picking up your children and to respect physical distancing and safety measures.
- We ask you to remind your children of this. Encourage them to return home, if they are walkers, as soon as the school day is over.

- **Self assessment**

- Parents should self-assess symptoms of COVID-19 every morning for each child. This is available on the [CEPEO website](#).
- Any student whose self-assessment result does not allow him to go to school will have to stay home and self-isolate until they can meet the criteria for returning to school.

### **P.A.V.É.**

The Student Virtual Learning Program (PAVÉ) will continue as usual.

### **Well-being and mental health**

We are aware that the news announced yesterday may cause many emotions, both for you and for your children. For months, you have demonstrated exemplary resilience. I want to remind you once again that we will continue to support you during this time. We also encourage you to consult our [health and wellness resources](#), which are aimed at both students and their families.

I thank you for your continued collaboration and wish you a wonderful family weekend.

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