

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE | RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL SCHOOLS ON FEBRUARY 1**

Dear parents and guardians,

The Ontario government announced today its decision to have all CEPEO schools open for face-to-face teaching effective February 1, 2021. Please read the government's press release ([Follow the link](#)).

### **School transportation**

School transportation will again be offered to students. The instructions in place since the start of the school year (compulsory wearing of a mask, assigned seating) will continue to be applied.

### **Childcare services**

All CEPEO educational centers will be open for preschool children. Before and after school child care will also be open as of February 1.

### **Health and safety instructions**

#### **NEW - Mask must be worn for students in grades 1 to 12**

- 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 as well**, including for students in separate classes, école Le Transit school programs and daycare services, subject to reasonable exceptions.
- Wearing a mask is strongly recommended, but not mandatory, for kindergarten and junior kindergarten students.
- Wearing a mask is mandatory 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.

### **Mandatory Self-Assessment of COVID-19 Symptoms**

- Parents should self-assess symptoms of COVID-19 every morning for each child. This is available on the [CEPEO website](#).
- **NEW - As of February 10**, each student in Grades 9 to 12 will have to confirm in the classroom that they have completed the self-assessment available on the school website and that the result indicates that they can attend school.
- Parents of grades 9 to 12 students in distinct classes will be able to complete an [electronic](#) or paper form prior to their arrival at school to confirm that they have completed the self-assessment for their child.

- Any student whose self-assessment results do not allow him to go to school will be placed in an isolation room. The parent will need to pick him up so he can return home to self-isolate until he can meet the criteria for returning to school.

## **Gatherings**

- We ask that you do not gather before and after school when driving back and picking up your children, and to respect physical distancing and sanitary measures.
- We ask you to remind your children of this same instruction. Encourage them to return home, if they are walkers, as soon as the school day is over.
- We ask that you make sure you follow all of the health and safety guidelines in the [Back-to-School Guide](#).

A list of the instructions to follow is available here ([Follow the link](#)).

## **Loan of computer equipment**

We ask that you keep Chromebooks that have been loaned to your children at this time. We will inform you shortly on how to return them to school.

## **P.A.V.É.**

The Virtual Student Learning (P.A.V.É.) program continues as usual.

## **Letter to students**

Students in Grades 7 to 12 will receive a letter today. You can read it by [clicking here](#).

In closing, I would like to thank you for your understanding and your collaboration, especially since the holiday break. Pursuing learning in a caring and safe environment is a priority for us and will be greatly facilitated thanks to your support.

I wish you a safe and happy weekend with your family.

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