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IMPORTANT UPDATE: SAFETY MEASURES FOR APRIL BREAK

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are doing well.

Before the start of the April break I would like to thank you again for respecting the health and safety measures in place since the start of the school year. Through our collective efforts, your children can continue to enjoy a safe learning environment, at school and at home.

As you know, the provincial government has declared a four-week province-wide lockdown in response to the surge in COVID-19 cases. You can read the government [press release here](#).

Public health measures

In light of the latest measures that have been announced, it is more important than ever to continue to follow public health advice during the April break. We are at a critical moment in the pandemic and monitoring the following [public health measures](#) is crucial in order to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to limit its impact.

Following public health guidelines will allow us to take full advantage of the April break and help ensure that the return to school on April 19 is safe.

Screening for asymptomatic people

We would like to inform you that during the week of April 12 to 18, pharmacies that offer the COVID-19 screening test will accept appointments for school staff and for asymptomatic students. Children who attend daycare and daycare staff will also be able to undergo a diagnostic test.

Please consult the [following link](#) for the list of participating pharmacies on the CEPEO's territory.

Confirmation of self-assessment

The COVID-19 symptom self-assessment will remain mandatory upon return to school on April 19.

- **Elementary.** For the day of April 19 only, elementary school staff will be required to verify, on site, that students have completed their self-assessment.
- **Secondary.** Secondary school students will need to continue to confirm, every day upon arrival at school, that they have completed the self-assessment for symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child or a member of your household is ill, we ask that you stay at home and follow the advice given in the self-assessment tool available on the CEPEO and your child's school website.

Personal effects and school material

As a preventive measure, we will ask your children to bring home their personal effects and the material necessary to continue their learning before leaving for break so that they have everything they need in the event of a temporary school closure.

Learning activities

During the April break, it will be possible for students to continue their learning.

- Students in grades 1 to 8 can participate in additional activities linked to the curriculum, by logging onto the TFO [IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison](#).
- Secondary school students can continue to access the [Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC en langue française](#) courses. In addition, [Eureka!](#) (in French) and [Mathify](#) (in English) provide one-to-one online tutoring services to elementary and secondary school students. Eureka! provides French-speaking students with tutoring in all subjects from grades 1 to 12 and Mathify offers online math tutoring services in grades 6 to 10 in English.

We wish you and your children, if you take time off, a safe, fun and relaxing school break.

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