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IMPORTANT UPDATE: PRECISIONS FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are well.

We are now in a position to provide you with additional details to our communication sent yesterday.

Communication in case of switch to virtual mode

The current situation continues to evolve. We want to assure you that we will communicate with you quickly in the event of a switch from in-person learning to virtual learning on April 19. Should this be the case, instructions to ensure the continuity of distance learning will be communicated to you.

Confirmation of self-assessment

We remind you that you should continue to complete the COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment available on your child's school website every day.

According to the new government instructions, elementary schools will be required to verify, on site, that all students have completed this self-assessment **for the day of Monday, April 19.**

- **NEW Kindergarten to 1st grade students:**
Parents should go to the [Parent Portal](#) on April 19 in the morning to confirm that they have completed the self-assessment for their child and that the result is negative, before he or she comes to class.
- **NEW Grades 2 to 8 students**
Students will have to verbally confirm, in the classroom when attendance is being taken, that they have completed the self-assessment in the morning and that the result is negative. Please be sure to complete the self-assessment available on the school website with your child before they come to school
- **Grades 9 to 12 students**
Students in grades 9 to 12 should continue to verbally confirm upon arrival at school that they have completed the self-assessment for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis.

Screening for asymptomatic people

It will be possible to access diagnostic tests for COVID-19 for your children during the upcoming April break.

1. Mobile screening clinics

- Schools will continue to communicate the locations of mobile school clinics. The targeted schools will receive a communication from the public health unit to this effect, which we will forward to you.

2. Existing screening pharmacies

- For the week of April 12-18 only, pharmacies currently offering asymptomatic screening to school staff will accept appointments for students and children attending school-based child care centers.
- Please check with your local pharmacy for the minimum age requirement for screening.
- Please consult the [following link](#) for the list of participating pharmacies in CEPEO territory.
- To make an appointment, visit the [COVID-19 Testing Centers website](#), select "Pharmacy" as the location type, and review the reservation requirements.

3. New screening pharmacies

- As of April 14, 2021, other pharmacies in the Shoppers Drug Mart chain will be able to offer rapid on-site screening tests to students and staff,
- Please see the [following link](#) for a list of participating pharmacies in Ontario.
- To make an appointment, please contact the pharmacy directly.

4. Assessment centers

- During the week of April 12 to 18, students, children attending daycare services located in schools and staff will have access to screening for asymptomatic people at local assessment centers. These diagnostic tests are offered to students, children and staff only from April 12 to 18.
- To make an appointment, visit the [COVID-19 Testing Centers website](#), select "Assessment Center" as the location type, and review the reservation requirements.

Public health unit resources

We invite you to regularly consult updates and communications from public health units by [following this link](#).

Thank you for your cooperation. I wish you a very nice spring weekend and above all, a great school break with your children.

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