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IMPORTANT UPDATE: BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2021-2022

Dear parents and guardians,

The Ontario government announced the back-to-school plan for 2021-2022 on Tuesday. You can read it by [clicking on this link](#). Here are some highlights:

Elementary level (Kindergarten to grade 8)

- elementary school students, from kindergarten to grade 8, will attend class 5 days a week
- they will receive 300 minutes of instruction per day and stay in the same cohort all day;
- they will be able to use common spaces (for example, libraries).
- masks (except for junior and senior kindergarten students), physical distancing and other protective measures will remain in effect, much like last year with some adjustments.

Secondary level (grades 9 to 12)

- secondary school students will attend school each day following a 4-semester schedule (i.e. 2 classes for approximately 9 weeks) at least for the first half of the school year;
- they will receive 300 minutes of instruction per day;
- they will be able to use common areas (ie: cafeteria, resource center);
- masks, physical distancing and other protective measures will remain in effect, much like last year with some adjustments.

We are currently analyzing this plan and will shortly provide you with all the information you need to prepare for the start of the school year, as well as health and safety instructions.

As indicated this spring, the [Virtual School Learning Program \(P.A.V.É.\)](#) remains an option for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our teams are mobilizing to prepare for the school year and remain committed to providing your children with a caring and safe learning environment.

Vaccination

Vaccination of the population aged 12 and over continues. To promote a safe return to class, we encourage all eligible people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are safe, effective, and are the best way to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19.

You can make an appointment for you and your child by going to the [COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario page](#).

I thank you for your cooperation and wish you a happy August.



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