

Ottawa, September 30th, 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATE: COVID-19 vaccination directive

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are well on this important day, the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. I invite you to read the Council's message on this subject ([follow the link](#)).

COVID-19 vaccination directive

The health and safety of our students and staff remains our priority. With this in mind, the Council of Public Schools of Eastern Ontario (CEPEO) adopted, on September 28th, a resolution on the implementation of an administrative directive on COVID-19 vaccination. This administrative policy is addressed to the following people:

- CEPEO employees;
- the drivers responsible for transporting the students;
- trainees, especially those providing professional services or following work-integrated learning (eg, future teachers);
- volunteers;
- people who provide professional services to students;
- visitors, parents or guardians, trustees and service providers who enter CEPEO premises.

The administrative directive is available on the [CEPEO website](#). You will find all the modalities and important dates related to its implementation. The terms of the directive are subject to change; if so, you will be promptly informed.

Public health unit resources

We invite you to read the following updates from our public health offices and partners.

- **CHEO Resources (Ottawa schools)**
 - CHEO is now offering a COVID-19 self-test kit. To pick up a kit, please make an appointment at CHEO's COVID-19 Assessment Center and select the "Pick-Up" option, via the [following link](#).
- **Symptoms in children (Ottawa schools)**
 - Please see the following document regarding symptoms in children and recommendations for screening tests. [Follow the link](#)

Exam periods for secondary school students

Due to the current situation, the Ministry of Education has asked School Boards to position themselves regarding the holding of exam periods planned for students in grades 9 to 12 for the 2021-2022 school year in all of their schools.

In order to show goodwill towards the students and to make a decision that takes into account the reality of the schools, the pedagogical service consulted the principals of our secondary schools. It was decided to remove the exam periods from the academic calendar. Students will still have summative assessment tasks to complete but those will not be completed as part of an exam period. Systemic calendars will be updated shortly.

REMINDER - Health and safety instructions

We remind you of the importance of continuing our efforts to limit the transmission of COVID-19. We thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines both in our schools and in the community.

I thank you for your trust and your cooperation and wish you a wonderful weekend with the family.

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