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IMPORTANT UPDATE | Screening tools and communications

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. As you know, the context of COVID-19 has changed significantly over the past few days. Please be assured that we continue to monitor the situation closely and are doing everything possible to ensure the health and safety of your child and our staff.

Rapid antigen testing

The Ontario government has put in place a series of measures to ensure the health and safety of students, including the distribution of rapid antigen tests to students in preparation for the vacation break. We invite you to read the letter from the Minister of Education and Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health ([follow the link](#)). It includes a [video](#) explaining how to use the test kit at home.

Testing tools for schools and child care facilities

The Ontario government will be providing further clarification on self-isolation requirements in the near future. When the screening tool for students and children, and the screening tool for essential staff and visitors are updated, details will be posted on this page ([follow link](#)).

COVID-19 Communications (Ottawa Schools)

Starting today and continuing until January, communications from Ottawa Public Health (OPH) regarding COVID-19 cases in schools and high-risk contacts will be sent to all parents of the school, not just to parents of affected cohorts. This letter will indicate which cohorts, classes or groups are affected, as well as the period of contagion. This letter will include all the instructions to be followed for the students considered as high risk contacts

Thank you for your continued cooperation and I wish you a safe and happy family weekend.

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