

Ottawa, January 27, 2022

IMPORTANT UPDATE | Delayed implementation of the administrative directive for mandatory vaccination of staff and visitors

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you are doing well. We are already at the halfway point of the school year. We are aware that the situation remains difficult at times and that there have been many instructions since the beginning of the year. However, rest assured that we will continue to support your child by providing a caring learning environment.

Delayed implementation of the administrative directive for mandatory vaccination of staff and visitors

The implementation of the [mandatory vaccination policy for staff and visitors](#), which was scheduled to go into effect on January 31, has been delayed until March 2, 2022.

This delay will give us more time to continue our efforts to recruit the necessary staff to fill the positions left vacant by non-vaccinated staff members and to establish specific agreements with staff in the process of being vaccinated. In the meantime, we remind you that non-vaccinated staff must continue to comply with the requirement to provide school principals with a negative result 3 times per week as required by the Ministry of Education.

Immunization Clinics

Numerous immunization clinics continue to be offered for children ages 5 to 11. For more information, please consult [this letter](#) from Ottawa Public Health, which includes a list of clinics offered until February 1, 2022. These clinics are open to all students and their households, regardless of the school they attend.

Information on immunization clinics can be found at the following links to the various health units:

- [Eastern Ontario Health Unit](#)
- [KFL&A Public Health](#)
- [Leeds, Granville & Lanark Health Unit](#)
- Renfrew Health Unit:
 - [Week of January 23 to 30](#)
 - [Week of January 30 - February 12](#)
 - [Immunization clinic for 5-11 year olds on February 3rd](#)
- [Hasting/Prince Edward Health Unit](#)

The Government of Ontario also provides families with a list of clinics available in your area, which you can view through [this link](#).

REMINDER - Reporting COVID-19 cases

As a reminder, since the holiday break, the government no longer reports cases of COVID-19 in schools and public health offices no longer do case tracing. However, your child's school principal will inform you of positive COVID-19 results in your child's classroom when the information is shared with them by a parent of a child who has received a positive rapid antigenic or PCR test.

Please also be assured that our schools continue to follow all health and safety guidelines rigorously.

Thank you for your cooperation and trust. I hope you will enjoy a wonderful three-day weekend with your family - Friday, January 28 being a PD day for all of our schools.

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