

## **Updated Pre-Screening Protocols September 25, 2020**

To our parents/guardians,

We have created this message to assist you with the changes to school protocols on our board website.

This is a reminder that every morning your child/children must be screened before they are sent to school using the COVID-19 school screening tool.

This tool can be found online at <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/</a>

This tool will provide you with the information required to determine if your child/children can attend school that day.

Students with symptoms related to pre-existing conditions or allergies can still attend school; the pre-screening tool is intended to identify new symptoms or worsening of symptoms that are not related to allergies, chronic conditions or pre-existing conditions.

## NOTE:

If your child/children arrives at school or develops symptoms related to COVID-19 our staff will use the COVID-19 school screening tool to determine if your child can remain at school or if they must be picked up from school.

## **IMPORTANT:**

If it is determined that your child/children must be picked up from school they can **ONLY** return based on the following **THREE** options. This is why pre-screening is critical prior to sending your child/children to school.

Option 1	Go for a COVID-19 Test	<ol> <li>The student may return to school if ALL three criteria are met:         <ol> <li>The test result is negative.</li> <li>They do not have a fever (without using medication).</li> <li>It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving or 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhea.</li> </ol> </li> <li>If they test positive or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 as determined by public health they can return to school only when they are cleared by your local public health unit.</li> </ol>
Option 2	Isolate for 14 days	They can return to school after the 14 days of isolation.
Option 3	Doctor Diagnosis	<ol> <li>The student may return to school if ALL three criteria are met:</li> <li>A doctor diagnosed them with another illness</li> <li>They do not have a fever (without using medication).</li> <li>It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving or 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhea.</li> </ol>