

Wishing all of our families a very happy and healthy 2021! We look forward to welcoming back our students and staff on Monday, January 4, 2021. We hope that everyone had a good break.

A few reminders to help keep everyone safe and healthy, before we all come back to the school:

All families need to do daily health checks before leaving home for school. (see below)

It is very important that all adults continue to **use social distancing (2M guideline) and wear masks** during pick-up and drop-off at the school. The wearing of masks for all adults on school grounds is **new**. Please make sure you do not forget your mask at home or in the car.

A friendly reminder that if you can pick up or drop off without exiting your car or by staying at the perimeter of the school grounds this is preferred.

We also understand that younger children like to be accompanied by their parents/guardians to the school, near their exterior classroom doors. We are okay with this as long as **adults wear masks and continue to maintain a social distance of 2 metres**. Please do not approach your child in the line-up.

Lastly, we ask that all adults please leave school grounds as soon as possible after drop off and pick up.

Let's keep up our very good COVID practices to ensure we continue to keep Laronde a really safe place to learn and work. **Together we can do it Laronde!**



Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

^{*}Check BCCDC's Symptoms of COVID-19 regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
 If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the <u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool</u> to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

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