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BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL

• Parents/guardians/students must complete the COVID-19 School Screening Tool.

• If your child exhibits symptoms and/or does not pass the Ontario COVID-19 School Screening Tool, they may not return until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternative diagnosis by a health-care professional and symptoms have improved for at least 24 hours (if symptoms included nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, these symptoms should be resolved for at least 48 hours); or, it has been 10 days since the symptom occurred and they are feeling better.

STUDENT WITH POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT SCHOOL

• A "What to do if you feel unwell at school" poster is located in each class-



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The Halton District School Board has announced its back-to-school plan.

room.

• Each school has a designated space for student isolation should they present with symptoms while at school.

• The school will notify the parent/guardian that the student is waiting in the "Isolation Room" and needs to be picked up immediately.

• Any students living in the same household will also need to go home if not fully immunized, or if they were not previously positive within the past 90 days

and have since been cleared.

• Parents/guardians should avoid travel on public transportation when leaving with the child(ren).

• Parents/guardians must follow the process regarding student COVID-19 testing prior to returning to school.

STUDENT COHORTS

• The purpose of cohorting is to limit the mixing of students, so that if a student or employee develops an infection, the number of

exposures would be reduced.

• Elementary students will be assigned to a single class cohort, with regular class sizes.

• During elementary nutrition breaks, cohorts will be maintained inside and outside.

• Elementary class change requests will not be considered.

• Secondary students will be part of two cohorts (morning class cohort and afternoon class cohort). Cafeterias will adhere to

capacity limits and distancing.

Employees will be required to wear medical face masks, the board said, as well as additional personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with their job duties (e.g., prolonged close contact with a student).

TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

• The use of non-medical masks/face coverings are required for all students, including Kindergarten on school vehicles. Consider walking/wheeling to school instead of driving.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

• These programs will operate in all elementary schools at the discretion of the child-care operator.

• Before and after school cohorts will be matched to school cohorts where possible.

Information on what the

elementary and secondary school learning models will look like can be found here.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF THERE IS A COVID-19 CASE IN MY CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR IN OTHER CLASSROOMS?

If there is a COVID-19 case (or suspected case) in your child's classroom, Public Health will determine if the case was in the building during their period of communicability and engage in contact tracing processes (including contacting families as required), the board said.

HDSB families can join an information session about September 2021 with Dr. Hamidah Meghani, commissioner and medical officer of health for Halton Region, along with senior Halton District School Board staff, for an online information session Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in which Meghani and HDSB staff will answer submitted questions from families at www.hdsb.ca.

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