

March 21, 2022

Masking

Effective March 21, the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including wearing of masks and face shields within schools and other DPCDSB facilities, is no longer mandatory.

However, if staff and students wish to wear PPE, it will be made available to them. In this regard, it is the expectation of the DPCDSB that proper respect and understanding be given to the decisions of staff and students regarding their choice to use or not use PPE. Patience and understanding will be required to ensure that everyone's comfort level is respected and honoured.

International Travel

Under current federal travel requirements, upon return from international travel, individuals **must** wear a mask at all times when in public spaces (including schools and child care), maintain a list of all close contacts for their first 14 days in Canada, and monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Daily Self Screening and Other COVID-19 Preventative Measures

Daily self-screening using the [Provincial COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) is still required. However, daily verification at school is no longer a requirement. Parents and guardians can help their children stay safe in school by keeping them home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.

Refer to the [Peel Public Health \(PPH\)](#) or [Wellington Dufferin Guelph \(WDGPH\)](#) websites for more information for individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Hand Hygiene

Remind your children about the importance of hand hygiene as a protective measure. Talk to them about frequent hand washing and the safe use of hand sanitizers.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders as we continue to adjust to the evolving pandemic in our schools and community.

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