



ETSB COVID-19 UPDATE

New Measures for the Holiday Period

Summary

Elementary students:

- ❖ December 17, 18, 21 & 22 - learning at home
- ❖ January 6th
- Pedagogical day
- ❖ January 7th & 8th
- learning at home
- ❖ January 11th
- back in schools

Secondary students:

- ❖ December 17, 18, 21 & 22 - online learning
- ❖ January 6th
- Pedagogical day
- ❖ January 7th & 8th
- online learning
- ❖ January 11th
- back to the same schedule as before the break (online/in presence)

The Premier announced on December 15th, that the province will be taking a pause during the holiday season to try and break the second wave of COVID-19.

For education, this now means that all elementary and secondary students will be returning to in-presence learning on **Monday January 11th**, (If your child is in secondary 3, 4, or 5, they will follow their in-presence / on-line schedule as per their school calendar). Information about the extra learning at home days at the elementary level will be sent from your child's school/teacher directly.

From December 17th - 22nd and after January 6th, our ETSB ICT Chatline will be manned to help students and parents with any technological questions/issue they may have with any ETSB issued device.(ipads, chrome books). You may access the chatline from the [Home Learning Resources page](#) on the ETSB website.

As well, starting on Thursday December 17th, employers are being asked to favour working at a distance (*télé-travail*), wherever possible. Our central administration, schools and centres will continue to offer support in an essential services mode, which may mean a delay in replying to inquiries etc.

All our offices and schools will be closed for the regular holiday break from December 23rd to January 5th inclusively.

Emergency Daycares

As a follow-up to our December 10th letter concerning emergency daycares, this service will now also be available on January 6th, 7th, and 8th. If you need to use these services from January 6th to the 8th, an online registration form will be available starting December 19 to January 3, inclusively. To access this registration form, please [click here](#).

Emergency daycare services are provided under exceptional circumstances to parents who have no other option. Moreover, they are reserved for the children of parents who hold jobs that are on the [list of essential services](#) entitling them to emergency daycare services.

In accordance with government recommendations for limiting the risks of spreading the virus, these services should only be used by parents who are entitled to them and for whom it is the only option allowing them to report to work. Therefore, families with one parent at home even if that parent is teleworking, should avoid using these services.

To see the list of ETSB schools offering an emergency daycare, please [click here](#).

Parents are strongly encouraged to register their children in advance to be sure they have a spot by filling out the online form. Parents must register each of their children for each day that services are required.

Reporting a Positive Test Result over the Holidays

If your child should test positive for COVID-19 over the holidays and you are informed by the DSPu that your child may have been contagious while still at school, call the ETSB COVID number at 1-888-381-1196

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the [Quebec coronavirus](#) website.

