



March 5, 2021

Dear Parents,

On March 3rd, the Premier, François Legault, announced that five regions in Québec will be moving to the orange alert level effective Monday March 8th.

We are very pleased that, as of Monday, all of our schools, which are located in the Estrie and Centre-du-Québec regions, will be following the orange alert level regulations. For our schools, this means:

Elementary Schools:

- All students from grades 1-6 must wear a face covering when going from one area to another, in common indoor areas, and on school transportation.
- All students in grades 5 & 6 must also wear a face covering when in class.

Secondary Schools:

- All students must continue to wear a procedure mask at all times, including in the classroom, in common areas, outdoors on school grounds and on school transportation.
- Students in secondary 3, 4, & 5 continue to attend school in person every other day, alternating with online learning.

For both elementary & secondary schools:

- Extracurricular and cultural activities **may begin again on March 15, 2021**, but only within the same class group.
- Field trips may **begin again on March 15, 2021**, but only within the same class group, provided that current health measures are respected.
- Students continue eating lunch with their stable class group.

Moving to the orange alert level is welcome news and shows that our efforts are beginning to pay off. Although we are moving in the right direction, we must remain vigilant and continue to follow the measures in place. Our school personnel have and will continue to work very hard to implement and follow the directives and measures of the health authorities.

Our students have risen to the challenge and have adapted to the new realities of school life and you, our parents, have also been supportive in working with our school personnel to ensure that we do our best to keep everyone safe, and for that we say thank you.

As we receive more information, we will continue to keep you updated. Again, we ask you to check your emails often for the latest information from your child's school and the school board. If you or your child are experiencing symptoms, please follow the [guidelines as per the Direction de la Santé publique](#) (available in French only and as soon as we receive the English versions, we will post them on our website)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel Soucy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michel Soucy, Director General, Eastern Townships School Board