

Back-to-School Sanitary Measures 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

As we get ready to go back to school, the following guidelines and procedures will help keep everyone safe. Thank you for carefully reading this information and speaking with your child(ren) about what to expect. We are confident with our combined efforts, that we can all enjoy a safe and happy year back at school. Thank you for your continued help as we navigate this pandemic together.

The following measures, provided to us by Quebec and Public Health, may change depending on the evolution of the pandemic. The measures announced are preventive to promote learning, the well-being of students & staff, and the safety of all. For now, as announced by the minister of Education, Mr. Jean-François Roberge, on August 24th, the instructions for students are the following:

Wearing of Masks

K4 and K5: No masks at all

Youth Sector - Elementary & Secondary (Gr.1 to Sec. 5)

Procedure mask required in

- class
- common areas
- when circulating indoors
- on school transportation (buses)

No mask required outdoors, or during Physical Education and Health classes. Procedure masks will be supplied by the school board.

Adult & Vocational Education

- Mask must be worn at all times

Physical Distancing

No physical distancing between students. This means that for the time being, there will be no group bubbles. Therefore, option courses, concentration courses, and extracurricular activities may take place.

Staff must wear a mask if the 2-meter distance cannot be respected.

Hand Hygiene

Once again this year, there will be handwashing stations for students to wash their hands when entering and exiting the school.

Water Bottles

Please send a full water bottle with your child daily at school. Students will have access to touch free refilling stations throughout the day.

Full-time Attendance

All students (K4 to secondary 5) will be coming to school on a full-time basis.

Transportation

All students except for preschool students will need to wear a procedure mask while on the school bus. There will be no physical distancing on the bus, but seats will be assigned to students. This measure will help people in charge of conducting investigations to trace contacts in the event that there is a COVID case on the school bus.

Once again this year, students will be encouraged to wash their hands at home and at school before boarding the bus.

Extracurricular activities

- No bubble-class: all extracurricular activities can resume.
- In elementary schools: sports and extracurricular activities will take place as normal.
- In secondary schools, in all regions of Quebec:
 - The vaccination passport will be required for all indoor and outdoor sports involving more physical contact (hockey, soccer, football etc.)
 - No vaccination passport for activities that are part of the offer of physical education programs, educational projects (theater, science, chess, etc.).

Virtual Services

Students who have medical exemptions from attending school due to serious complications related to Covid-19 may receive educational services at a distance. If this applies to your situation, a recent medical note, dated and signed by a doctor, indicating that distance services are recommended for your child(ren) due to the risk of serious complications related to Covid-19, must be provided to the school. Please note that because new criteria for exemptions are in place, medical notes provided during the 2019-2020 school year cannot be accepted.

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