

Dear Holy Cross Community,

Holy Cross School is pleased to welcome back all students on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. At this time, there is no option for remote learning and all students are expected to resume in-class learning. We want to provide families with a few details as we prepare for students return to school.

The province raised the response level for schools from yellow to restricted orange, with new measures required in the schools.

### **Response Level Orange**

- Physical distancing-student desks have been rearranged to allow for maximum distance between students.
- Staggered lunch and recess schedules entrances, and exits (times/locations).
- All staff to wear medical grade face masks.
- Updated mask guidelines for students. Non-medical masks are required indoors for **all pre-kindergarten to grade 8** students. Masks must be worn during physical education classes. Students will need to have **minimum of 2 masks**. Used mask will need to be taken home and washed at the end of everyday. Parents are reminded that mask fit is very important, and a good quality multi-layered mask (three-layers with a middle filtration layer) is preferred.

### **Testing and Isolation Requirements**

- Families should continue to self-screen their children on daily basis. Students must stay home when sick.
- All symptomatic people are encouraged to attend a provincial test site for testing.
- Students exposed to a household member who has had a positive COVID-19 result are considered close contacts.
- Students exposed at school are not considered close contacts and may attend school if asymptomatic.
- Please review provincial isolation requirements and exemptions by [clicking here](#).
- In order to be considered fully vaccinated, all students kindergarten through grade eight must be two weeks past their vaccine second dose.
- Rapid testing kits have been given to participating kindergarten to grade 6 students.

### **School Notifications**

- As mandated by the province, schools will no longer send out community notifications of positive cases
- Families are still strongly encouraged to report positive cases to the school.
- We will work with public health to monitor cases and take further action when necessary.

### **Vaccinations**

- On January 31, 2022, we are hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination clinic for kindergarten to grade 6 students.

We expect that there will be more information to share over the next couple of weeks, thank you for your patience with the many emails you have had to recently process over the past few weeks (months, year)

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