



Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

UPDATES to STUDENT COVID-19 SCREENING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

In light of updated messaging and in conversation with the Grey-Bruce Health Unit, please be aware of the following clarifications.

Attached are a number of documents for your reference.

Every morning please use the Ministry of Education Covid 19 School and Child Care Screening Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

[A paper copy of this tool is also available](#)

[Testing for Covid - 19](#)

There have been some significant changes to the screening process. Please ensure that you use the screening tool and read all of the components, below is only a highlight for your reference.

In section 1 of the Screening questionnaire, if your child has any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

- Fever and/or chills (temp of 37.8 celsius / 100 fahrenheit)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Decrease of loss of smell or taste
- Your child should stay home to isolate immediately.
 - Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

In section 2 of the Screening questionnaire, if your child has any of the following new or worsening symptoms?

- Sore throat
- Stuffy nose and/or runny nose
- Headache

- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches or malaise
- If you answered “YES” to one symptom from this list above your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started.
 - *The symptom must be resolved* before your child may return to school/child care. A negative COVID-19 test is not required to return. *(Please note: this is different than what is indicated on the Provincial screening tool and reflects our local direction in Grey and Bruce Counties)*
 - If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child’s health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.
- If you answered “YES” to two or more of the symptoms from the list above (included under question 2 of the screening tool)
 - Your child should stay home to isolate immediately.
 - Contact your child’s health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

We hope this provides you with clarification in understanding and using the Covid-19 school and child care screening tool. We continue to work closely with Grey-Bruce Public Health to ensure that you have the most updated information that reflects what is happening locally in our two counties.

Be Well and Be Safe,

God Bless,



Gary O'Donnell
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