



Eardley Elementary School

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Hello Eardley Families,

As you know, it has been announced that elementary students will be returning to school next **Monday, May 10th**. We are very excited to welcome back our students and staff in person.

Although elementary schools are re-opening, all of the other regulations for Gatineau are maintained. Premier Francois Legault declares that the situation with Covid-19 in Gatineau is “fragile”. Some of these regulations include:

- No visitors from another household
- No indoor or outdoor gatherings permitted (except 1 person who lives alone)
- Non-essential businesses are closed
- Non-essential travel is prohibited
- Curfew from 8:00 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- For the full list of regulations, please visit the following website:
<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/special-emergency-measures>

If we all follow these measures, then we will be able to help battle this “third wave” of Covid-19.

New Procedural Mask Protocol

- **RED ZONE**
 - K4 – K5: students are not required to wear a mask (in any area of the school, outside or buses).
 - Grade 1-6 students will be required to wear procedural masks whenever they enter the building
 - Grade 1-6 students will be required to wear a procedural mask in class and around the school
 - Grade 1-6 students can remove masks in class when eating or drinking (must be seated)
 - Grade 1-6 students will be required to wear a mask outdoors whenever 2-metre distancing cannot be respected
 - Grade 1-6 students must wear a mask on the bus (it is recommended but not compulsory for kindergarten students to wear a mask on the bus)
 - Procedural masks will be supplied three times per day – upon arrival to the school, immediately after lunch and just before the end of the day. (*The procedural mask provided at the end of the day will be the same mask worn to school the next day. Of course, if a mask gets damaged, misplaced or is no longer effective we will supply another mask*)

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- We understand that this is a change and we will be working with our students as we adjust to the new procedures. We will be working creatively as a staff to give our students mask breaks outside – i.e. spacing our students out at 2m distance and allowing for the mask to be taken off.

RED ZONE		CLASSROOM	COMMON AREAS AND DAYCARE	SCHOOL GROUNDS	SCHOOL BUSES	TYPE OF MASK
	K4 – K5	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes *unless 2m distance can be guaranteed	Yes	Pediatric procedural	
All staff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Procedural	
Staff do not have to wear their mask if working alone in a room with a closed door.						

Return of Loaned Devices

If your home was lent a device (either a Chromebook or MIFI) Stephanie Lelievre will be contacting your family to schedule a drop-off appointment. **Please do not send your child with the device, this could lead to damages or loss of lent goods.** You will be required to sign upon the return of the lent device. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Lelievre @ SLelievre@wqsb.qc.ca

Covid-19 Protocol

Please note that our Covid-19 protocol has not changed since confinement.

Reminder of the Symptoms Within Scenario #1 & Scenario #2 -

Scenario #1:

Does your child have **ANY** of the following symptoms? (If a child presents with **ONE** symptom below, immediately isolated; parent/guardian calls Public Health and are directed to get a test. If you do not want to get your child tested, you can isolate for 10 days).

- Fever (oral temperature 38.1°C (100.6°F) or higher)
- Sudden loss of sense of smell (anosmia) without nasal congestion, with or without loss of taste
- Recent cough or worsening of a chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Trouble breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion (of unknown cause)

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Scenario #2:

Does your child have any **2** of the following symptoms? (If a child presents with **TWO** symptoms below, immediately isolated; parent/guardian calls Public Health and are directed to get a test. If you do not want to get your child tested, you can isolate for 10 days).

- Stomach ache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Major fatigue
- Significant loss of appetite
- Generalized muscle pain (not related to physical exertion)
- Headache

If a child presents with one symptom from scenario two, your child will still be isolated and you will be called for pick-up. The protocol following this isolation and pick-up is a 24-hour observation period. This is to ensure that the symptom disappears and that there is no onset of additional symptoms. The parent/guardian will also be instructed to contact Public Health (1-877-644-4545).

The Attestation for Return must be handed in to both Stephanie Lelievre and Samantha Halpin. Proof of a negative Covid-19 Test or communication of the 10-day isolation period must occur before the child's return to school. The proof and Attestation can be emailed to Stephanie Lelievre and Samantha Halpin (sLelievre@wqsb.qc.ca & shalpin@wqsb.qc.ca)

Regardless if a child presents with ANY single symptom, they are isolated and sent home and the parent/guardian is directed to call Public Health (1-877-644-4545). A child should not be coming to school sick.

The Quebec Covid-19 Self-Assessment Tool is an excellent resource - <https://covid19.quebec.ca/surveys/cdd2/introduction?language=en-ca>

*The above information and protocol is the same for any adult or staff member.

*Previously communicated medical conditions communicated to the school are still on file and will be taken into consideration when assessing a student who presents with symptoms.

The Eardley staff will continue to apply all Public Health guidelines to ensure the safety of your children. Safety and security remains our number one priority as we transition back to in person learning.

Sincerely,

Samantha Halpin

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