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December 9, 2020

Dear Albion Heights Parents/Guardians:

This past week brought us a few rainy days and cold days. Please make sure your children come prepared to be outdoors. Please pack extra clothing for the younger ones in case they need to change. We will only be staying inside at recess time when it is pouring rain or the temperatures are frigid. It is also important that students have an extra pair of indoor shoes at school to use on those days that they have indoor gym. We are now allowing students to leave a pair of indoor shoes at school so that they do not need to be carried back and forth.

### **New Covid-19 Screening Tool and Procedure for all TDSB Students**

Toronto Public Health and the TDSB announced last week (an email was sent last week) that it has updated its COVID-19 student screening tool to prevent further opportunities for virus spread. As part of this guidance, **if a child has 1 or more new worsening COVID 19** symptoms, parents will now be required to

- Keep their children

- Keep siblings and other children home, even if they do not have symptoms

- Arrange for the child to get tested or contact their care provider

- Without testing, the child must stay home for 10 days

- Monitor the family for symptoms. Adults must stay home if they have one or more symptoms.

Back to School Confirmation Form revised on December 4: In the event of a suspected or confirmed illness of your child, see the [Back to School Confirmation Form](#) from Toronto Public Health

The TDSB takes its lead from Toronto Public Health and will begin using this new screening tool and protocol as of Monday December 7, 2020.

### **Parent Council Meeting**

The next parent council meeting will be on Tuesday January 12 at 6:30. A link to the ZOOM/Google meet meeting will be sent out before the meeting. I have asked our Toronto Public Health Nurse to attend the meeting.

### **Grade 7 and 8 Vaccinations**

All school immunization clinics are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. Students in Grades 7/8 can still receive their vaccinations at Toronto Public Health clinics later, by appointment only. The three vaccines available for free are: Meningococcal-quadrivalent Human papillomavirus (HPV) Hepatitis B Toronto Public Health will be offering free community clinics for students, beginning in 2021, by appointment only at [www.tphbookings.ca](http://www.tphbookings.ca)

**Food Bank Loonie Drive**

The Season of Giving - Loonies and Toonies for our community Food Bank. It's been a tough year for so many. If you are able, we are asking students to bring a loonie or a toonie to school between Dec 14-17 to help out people in our Rexdale Community. All Health and Safety protocols will be followed when collecting the money.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

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