

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- March 8 – International Women’s Day
- March 8 – Girls4Tech Virtual Workshop in partnership with Mastercard (rescheduled from March 23, 2020).
- April 12-16 – April Break



NEW: School Photos & Graduation Photos

As of Monday February 22nd, Toronto Public Health has reconsidered their guidance about schools scheduling a Photo Day with a vendor.

We have been advised that we are not allowed to invite photographers into schools until Toronto goes into the Red Zone. We will advise families of any further updates.

Toronto Public Health: COVID-19 Variants of Concern

On Thursday February 25th, all families received a letter about COVID-19 Variants of Concern. At this point in time, TPH is not advising schools to take any additional precautions; however they are reminding everyone of the importance of the existing health and safety measures in place in our schools, including the revised screening tool for students and staff.

The letter is linked for you [HERE](#).

Mental Health and Well-Being

Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB.

Information about resources and support, including resources available specifically during COVID-19 is available [HERE](#).

Covid-19 School Information for Parents and Caregivers

Information updated on Thursday February 25, 2021 is available: [HERE](#)

Toronto Public Health: *Who is a close contact at school?*

WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL?	
CLOSE CONTACT	NOT CLOSE CONTACT
<p>You were within a 6 feet, or 2 metres distance for more than 15 minutes.</p> 	<p>You maintained a 6 feet, or 2 metre distance.</p> 
<p>Someone in your class, on your school bus or in your after school cohort.</p> 	<p>Goes to the same school, but is not in your cohort.</p> 
<p>You had close physical contact with the person, such as a hug.</p> 	<p>You were briefly in the same room together but kept your distance.</p> 
<p>A person who accidentally sneezed, or coughed on you while talking in close proximity.</p> 	<p>You passed a person quickly in the hall, or at recess.</p> 

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Toronto Public Health Student Screening Tool




Toronto Public Health (TPH) has revised its screening tool for students. The TDSB Health APP and the [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) have also been updated.

 **Student (JK-12) Screening Tool**

Symptoms remain the same

1. Does the student have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?*

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Fever > 37.8°C		Cough		Difficulty breathing		Loss of taste or smell
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Feeling unwell, muscle aches or tired		Stuffy or runny nose		Headache		Sore throat or pain swallowing
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
					Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea		

If "YES" to any symptom:  Stay home & self-isolate +  Get tested Or  Contact a health care provider

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Change highlighted in Yellow

2. Does anyone in your household have one or more of the above symptoms? Yes No

3. Has anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? Yes No

4. Has anyone in your household been notified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or been told to stay home and self-isolate? Yes No

If "YES" to Questions 2,3, or 4:  Stay home +  Follow Toronto Public Health advice

*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.



Appreciation Corner

After a successful second week back at school, we send another massive **THANK YOU** to the superb teachers and staff at Bessborough who are keeping our kids safe and engaged. Fingers crossed that in-school learning lasts a very long time!

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