



## Roywood News Online # 4

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Click on the image to access our Website and  
Twitter page.



# Appreciation

Thank you to Ms. Lee who has been our ELL teacher, our media literacy teacher and our arts (drama, dance, music) teacher for the past four months. Ms. Lee will be leaving us to concentrate on other adventures but we know that we will see Ms. Lee back at Roywood in the new year, just not everyday!

Ms. Lee has been a shining light in all the classes that she works with and the students have grown quite fond of her! The staff and students of Roywood wish Ms. Lee the best of luck in her new adventures and can't wait to see her back as a supply teacher every so often in 2022!

Thank you Ms. Lee! We will miss you!





# Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5 - First Day back to School from Winter Break
- **Jan. 7 - Last Day for Virtual Switch Forms to be submitted!**
- Jan. 14 - P.A. Day for Students (no school!)

**Please note that the Government of Ontario has extended the Winter Break by two days. School will now begin for students on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.**







# Planning on Switching to Virtual or Bricks and Mortar?



# Planning on Switching to Virtual Learning?

# Planning on Returning to Bricks and Mortar Learning?


In order to plan ahead for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning for February 2022, parents/caregivers and students requesting a change **must** complete an Elementary Switch Form between **Friday, December 3 and Friday, January 7**. A form must be completed for each student requesting a switch.

**Click this link to access the form:**

**[https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_42ZfFzbFT1x9kAC](https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42ZfFzbFT1x9kAC)**

You will need your child's Trillium Number (Student #) and Birthdate.

**Parents and caregivers who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form.**





# Switching to Virtual or Bricks and Mortar Learning?

If you are planning on switching your child to Virtual Learning or Bricks and Mortar Learning, please note the following dates:


- **December 3** - Online forms for switching will be sent via email

[https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_42ZfFzbFT1x9kAC](https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42ZfFzbFT1x9kAC)

- **December 3 - January 7** - Online forms are active
- **February 22** - First Day of the Switch classes for students

The Elementary Switch Form process is currently underway. We know that some families have questions about the timing of this process, given the recent increase in cases and complications due to new variants. We know that the pandemic is a complicated and dynamic situation. The recent announcement of vaccination availability for children ages 5 to 12 is another factor for families who are considering a switch for their child(ren).

The TDSB does recognize the need for flexibility for families, which is why we are providing the opportunity now for parents/caregivers to switch their child's method of instruction in February. To be able to carry out the switch requests, time and planning are needed, which is why we are asking families to complete the Elementary Switch Form by January 7, 2022.





# Health and Safety @ Roywood PS



WEAR YOUR



MASK

To limit the  
transmission of the  
COVID 19 virus,  
students and staff  
are asked to:




KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE





## TDSB Student Health Pass - Updated November 26, 2021



# COVID-19






## Screening for children/students

Please complete before entering the child care/JK-12 school setting.

Updated November 26, 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_




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

				
Fever > 37.8°C and/or chills	Cough	Difficulty breathing	Decrease or loss of taste/smell	Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
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"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

• If the child/student has a health condition diagnosed by a health care provider that gives them the symptom, select "No". If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, select "Yes".

• Anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed above, should stay home and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed.

If "YES" to any symptom:

	Stay home & self-isolate	+		Get tested with a PCR test	Or		Contact a health care provider
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One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, is for [students](#) to screen themselves daily for any symptoms of COVID-19 and also follow the circumstances in which they should stay home.

**Students and families will need to screen themselves each morning.**

Parents should sign their child's [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) **daily** before arriving at school. **Their child will need to present this to their teacher each morning.**

**Please note the addition of:** "Anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed above, should stay home and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed."

For more information, please contact your health care provider or Telehealth Ontario at **1 866-797-0000**.



2. Does anyone in your household have one or more COVID-19 symptoms and/or are waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?

- If the child/student is fully vaccinated\* or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and been cleared, select "No".

Yes ☐

No ☐

3. In the last 10 days, has the child/student tested positive on a rapid antigen test or a home-based self-testing kit?

- If they have since tested negative on a lab-based PCR test, select "No".

Yes ☐

No ☐

4. Has the child/student been notified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or been told to stay home and self-isolate?

- If the child/student is fully vaccinated\* or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and been cleared or public health has said the child/student does not have to self-isolate, select "No".

Yes ☐

No ☐

5. In the last 14 days has the child/student travelled outside of Canada AND been advised to quarantine per the federal quarantine requirements OR was told not to attend school/child care/EarlyON settings?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If "YES" to questions 2,3,4 or 5:



Stay home & self-isolate



Follow public health advice



\* Fully vaccinated means 14 days or more after getting a second dose of a two dose COVID-19 series or as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Health



**Please note addition of:** The change, on the front page, is in the fifth question with the addition of the highlighted language: In the last 14 days has the child/student travelled outside of Canada AND been advised to quarantine per the federal quarantine requirements OR was told not to attend school/child care/EarlyON settings?

An addition on the back page of the screening tool, the parameters around international travel for students and returning to school has also been added.

This revised Toronto Public Health screening does take into account COVID vaccine status of students (aged 12+).

This revised Toronto Public Health screening does indicate that if **anyone in their household is experiencing one or more of COVID-19 symptoms or are waiting for COVID test results** then the student should stay home, and self isolate.

Together we can help our community, school, students and staff be safe and healthy!  
We can do this together!



## TDSB Student Health Pass

Roywood students will receive a copy of the TDSB Student Health Pass and Screening Questionnaire on the first day of school.

Please go through the student health pass with your child daily, sign it and send it with your child to school.

Your child will present this signed portion to their teacher each morning before entry to school.

## TDSB Student Health Pass

The most important thing families can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Review this COVID-19 checklist daily with your child. Sign\* below each day to confirm that your child or anyone else in the household does not have any symptoms or have other exposure to COVID-19. We all have a role in keeping our schools safe and healthy.

Student Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Parent/Guardian of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students to sign. High school and adult students can sign themselves.





# School News



# Construction in the Back Yard

There is some work happening in our gym right now. It is very exciting for when the warmer months come. Our gym will be transformed into a cooling area! But with that excitement comes construction. :(

As you may have seen, there is some fencing at the back of the school. The fencing is to keep the children safe during this time. We are hoping that the construction will be completed in about 8 weeks.





# Dressing for Recess

Winter weather is soon upon us!

We have already seen a little bit of snow this past week!

We are reminding students of the need to dress in layers so they can be dry and warm throughout recess breaks!

**Please send extra pairs of socks!** Please label clothing items!

We will continue to remind all students that it is far better to be warm and dry than cold and stylish at this time of year!





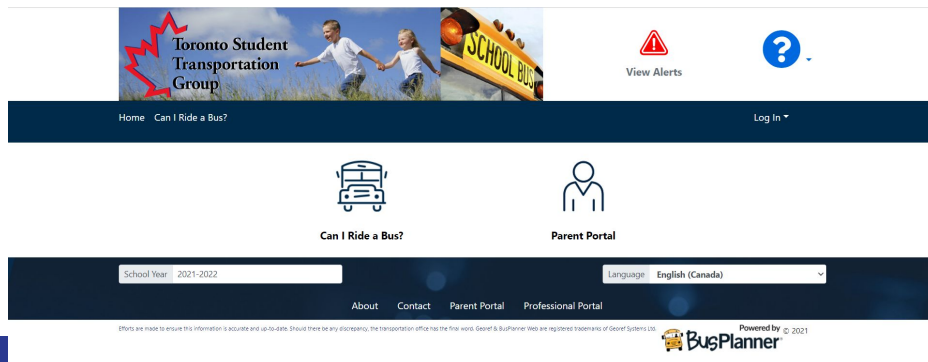
# Bussing - Student Transportation

Please let your child's teacher know and call the office to let the school know if your child will not be taking the bus on any particular day.

For families with children who take the bus, please sign up for bus planner web for updates on bus times, schedules, and more.



<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/>





# Winter Weather and Transportation - NEW INFO!

From time to time it is necessary to cancel school buses due to severe weather. As you know, because of the need to maintain cohorts as a result of the ongoing pandemic, we are not able to combine classes, which is often necessary on days with bad weather because of reduced staffing levels. As a result, this year, the TDSB has determined that **when buses are cancelled, all schools -- including both in-person and virtual learning -- will also be closed to staff and students.**

If schools are closed:

- Students will not participate in live remote or virtual learning but teachers will provide voluntary class work through established online platforms for students who wish to continue their learning. Students may also work on previously-assigned work or spend time reviewing material previously covered.
- Any scheduled events, such as tests or parent meetings will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Before and After-School Programs and Extended Day Programs will be closed.
- Child care programs (serving infant, toddler and preschool-aged children) can remain open to families, however families are encouraged to connect directly with the operator to confirm they are open.
- EarlyON programs will be closed to in-person programming, however families can participate in virtual programming.

The decision to cancel buses and close schools will be determined by 6 a.m. to allow as much time as possible for families to make alternative arrangements. In addition to updates being posted on the TDSB website and on Twitter, families will receive an email from the TDSB.

[Click here to go to the TDSB Website with more details!](#)







This Week @ Roywood PS

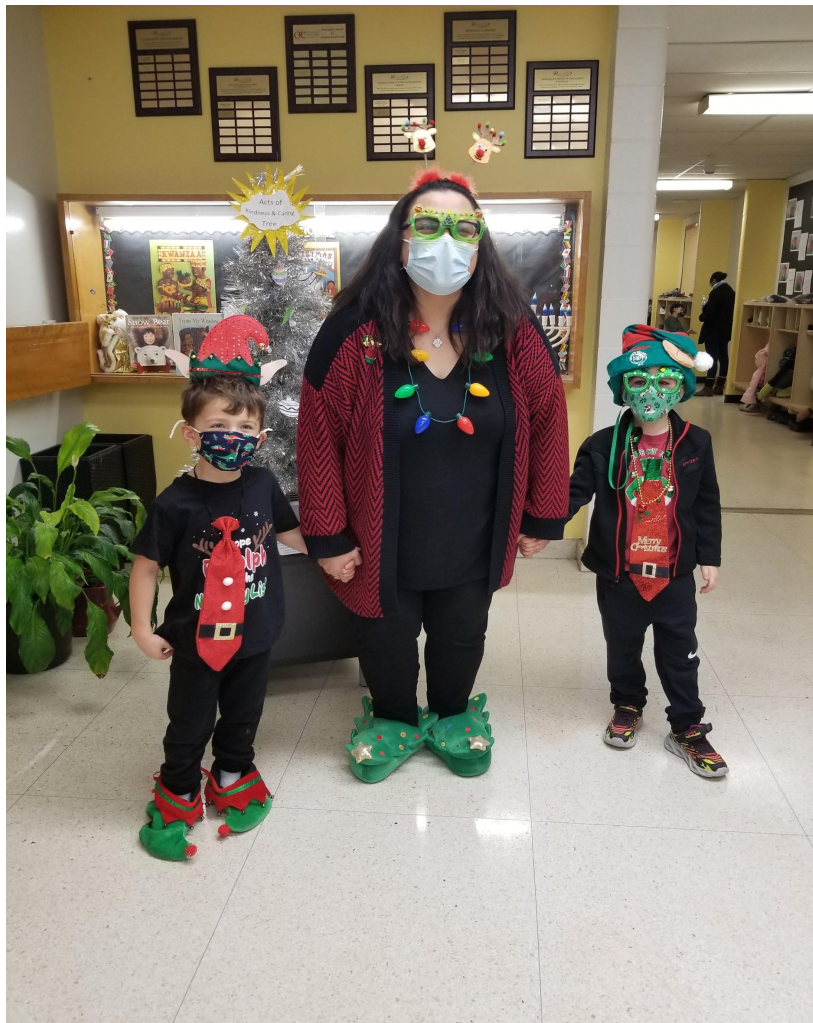




The students in Ms. Kumar's class went outside to roll the "biggest snowballs ever" and worked together to build a very tall snow person.



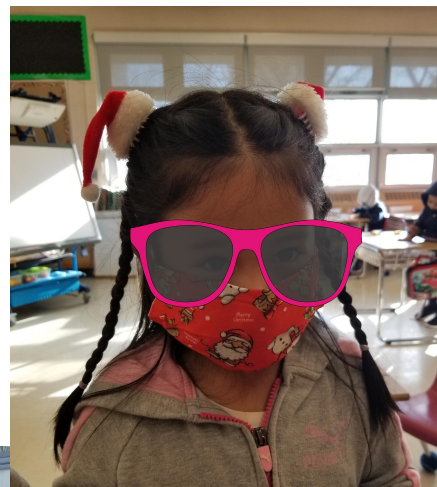
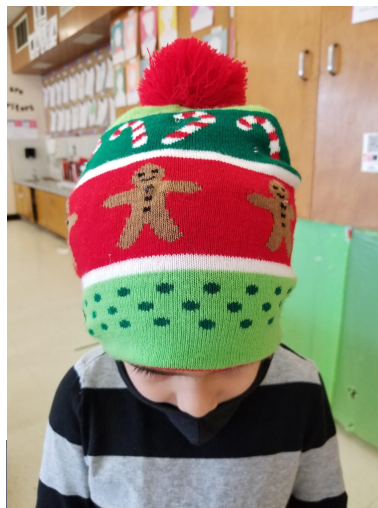




Roywood hosted a holiday spirit week and students came dressed in mismatched socks, fancy hats and their favourite holiday accessories.



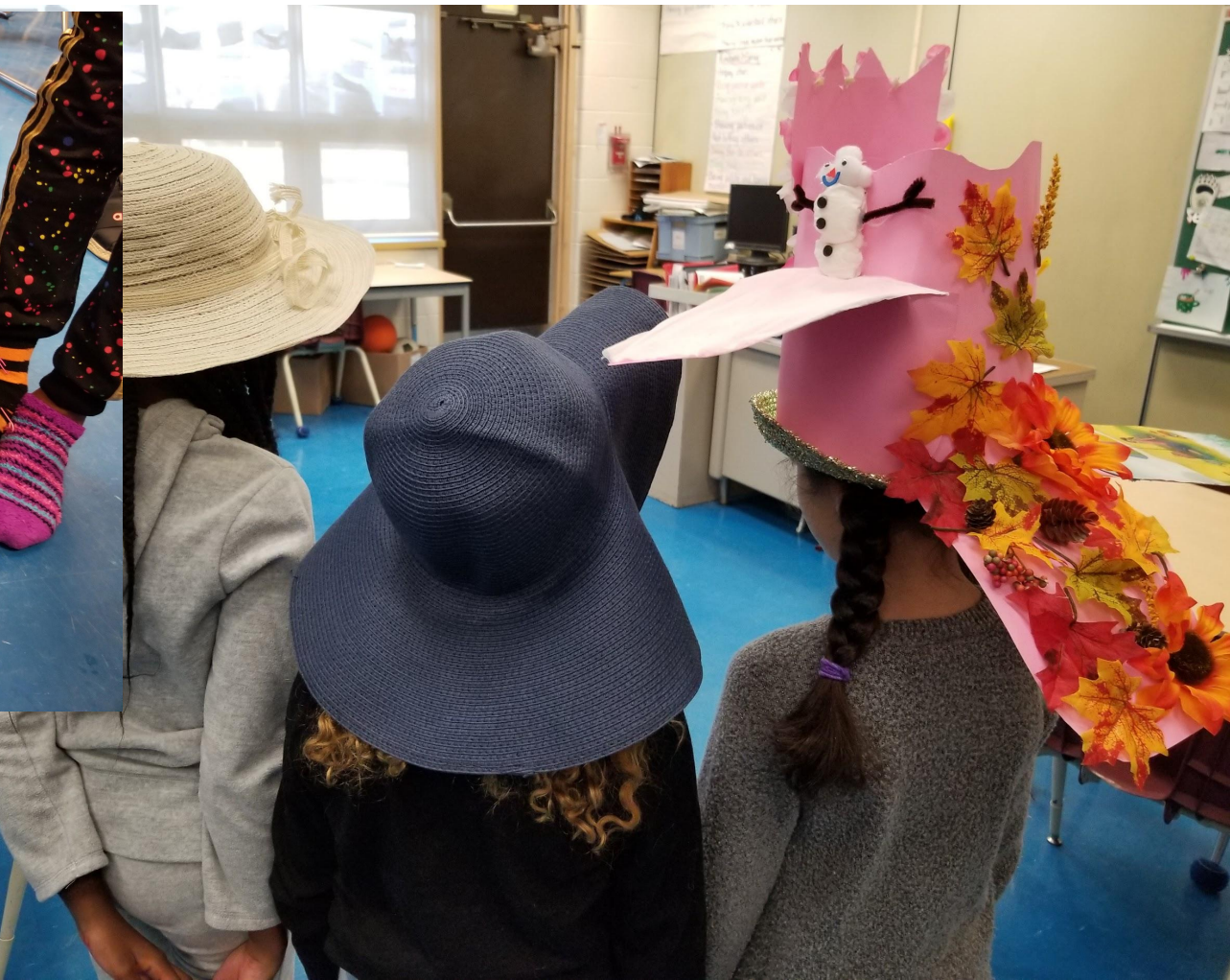














# Community News



Some of the fun activities that the children are participating in at the **EarlyON Centre** at Roywood PS!



Dear Families,  
Dec. 17, 2021 is our last day at the EarlyON Child and Family Centre.

Please check our Facebook page at EarlyON at TDSB - North Scarborough for updates regarding our virtual and in-person programming.

*I wish you peace, joy and happiness throughout 2022.  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

**Early  
ON**  
Child and Family Centre



## Welcome to Roywood EarlyON!

The free in-person program is offered Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. by pre-registration through Eventbrite using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earlyon-roywood-ps-proof-of-full-vaccination-required-tickets-173628265817>

The virtual EarlyON programming is offered as follows:

**“Baby Time”** on Google Meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. using the link: [meet.google.com/ktx-qdvx-gwq](https://meet.google.com/ktx-qdvx-gwq)

**“Music and Story Time”** on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:p.m.

**I.D. 997 1261 4710**

**Passcode: 552 607**

Follow us on Facebook at EarlyON at TDSB -North Scarborough for more information.





# SICKKIDS HOLIDAY HUBS:

COVID-19 PCR Saliva Test Kit  
Pick-Up & Drop-off

## North Toronto

- St Robert Catholic School  
70 Bainbridge Ave, M3H 2K2
- St. Jude Catholic School  
3251 Weston Rd, M9M 2T9
- Edgeley ELCCS  
405 Driftwood Ave, M3N 2P6

## Central Toronto

- Roselands Junior Public School  
990 Jane St, M6N 4E2
- St. Mary of the Angels  
Catholic School  
1477 Dufferin St, M6H 4C7

## Etobicoke

- Parkfield Junior Public School  
51 Redgrave Dr, M9R 3T9
- Nativity of Our Lord Catholic  
School  
35 Saffron Cres, M9C 5T8
- Thomas Berry ELCCS  
3495 Lakeshore Blvd W, MBW 1N5

## Scarborough

- St. Rose of Lima Catholic School  
3220 Lawrence Ave E, M1H 1A4
- Malvern ELCCS  
1321 Neilson Rd, M1B 5V9
- Centenary Seven Oaks ELCCS  
9 Neilson Rd, M1E 5E1
- Galloway ELCCS  
4299 Kingston Rd, M1E 2M9

## Hours of Operation

Schools: Dec 20 - 23 & 29, 10AM - 3PM (except Parkfield JPS is 10AM - 2:30PM)  
Early Learning Childcare Centres (ELCCS): Dec 20-24 & 29-31, 10AM - 3PM

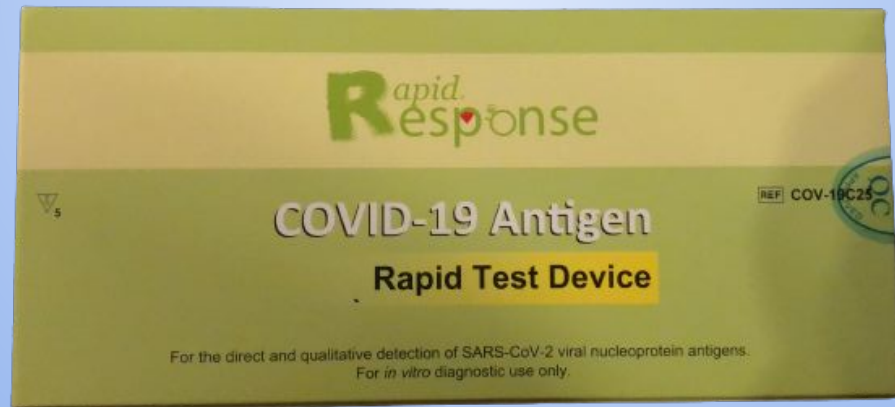
Over the break if you need to pick up or drop off a COVID-19 PCR Saliva Test Kit, please see the information to the left!

Although schools will be closed, the partnership with SickKids will continue through the holidays at select locations throughout the Toronto area.






# How to use your COVID-19 Tests


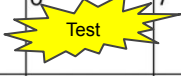
The children should have all brought home a box of 5 COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests. The following slides are instructions on how to use the tests for quick results.





Use one **test every 3-4 days (Monday and Thursday)**, starting on Dec. 23

December 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27 	28	29	30 	31	

JANUARY 2022						
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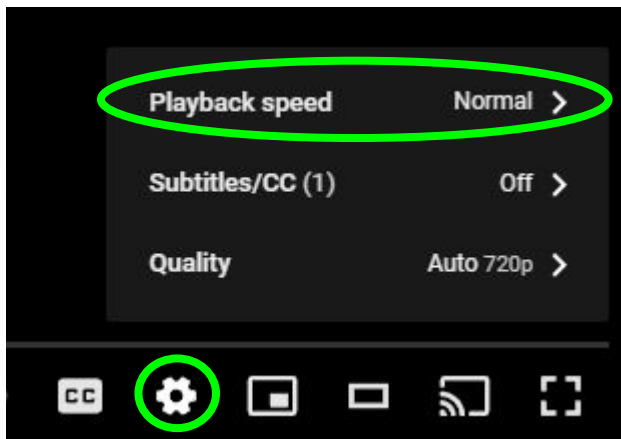
Wiki Calendar

These tests are to be used by students who do not have [symptoms of COVID-19](#). If your child has symptoms, please get them tested at a [COVID-19 Test Site](#).

Please note that this testing schedule may change based on local public health direction.



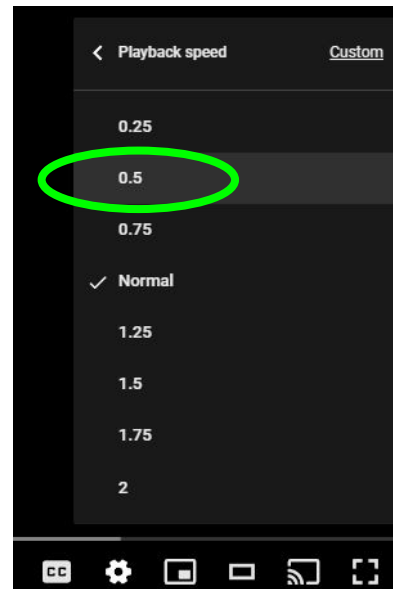
# YouTube Video Tip: Slow Down the Video



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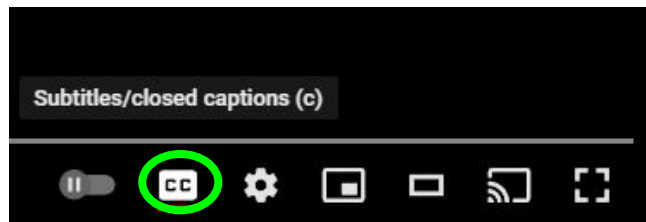
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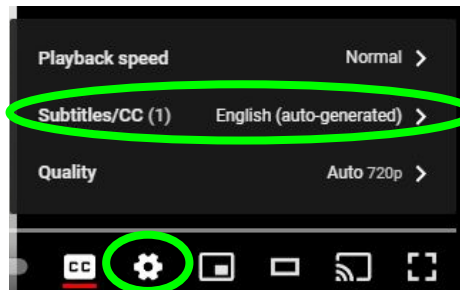
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# YouTube Video Tip: Translated Closed Captions

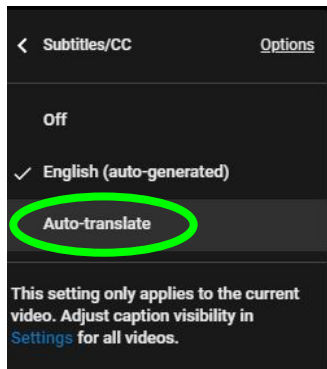


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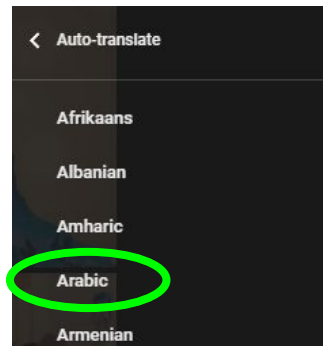


2) Click the **settings** icon

3) Click **Subtitles/CC**



4) Click **Auto-translate**



5) Click your **language**.



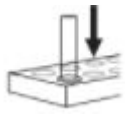
# Rapid Test Video: How to do the test

Play Video



While the swab is compressed, rotate the tip for at least 5 seconds.





1. Place the tube in the stand.



2. Open the buffer liquid package.



3. Pour the buffer into the tube.



4. Remove the swab.



5. Tilt your child's head back 70 degrees.
6. Insert the swab 1.5 centimetres into one nostril.



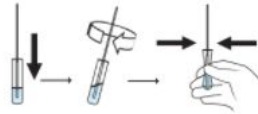
7. Move the swab using a circular motion inside the nostril for at least 5 seconds.



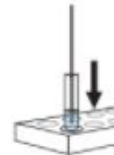
8. Press on the side of the nose. Rotate the swab for at least 5 seconds.



9. Use the same swab on the other nostril. Follow steps 6-8 on the Other nostril.



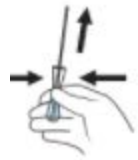
10. Insert the swab into the tube.
11. Swirl the swab around in the tube.
12. Squeeze the swab by pinching the sides of the tube together 10-15 times.



13. Put the tube back in the stand and wait for 2 minutes.





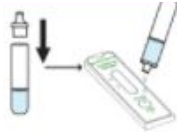


14. Squeeze the tube to get the liquid out of the swab and throw out the swab.

15. Put the nozzle on the tube.

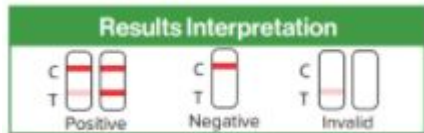
16. Turn the tube upside down.

17. Squeeze 3 drops of the liquid onto the circle on the top of the test.



18. Set a timer for **15 minutes.**

19. View the test results after 15 minutes.



If your child tests **positive**, please get them tested at a [COVID-19 Test Site](#) and [self-isolate](#) (stay at home) until the results come back.

For more information, please see the [information sheet from Health Ontario](#), and the package insert that came with your tests.



# Connecting with the School

## Telephone

416-395-2830

## E-Mail

[RoywoodPS@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:RoywoodPS@tdsb.on.ca)

## Website

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/roywood/>

## Twitter

[https://twitter.com/TDSB\\_RoywoodPS](https://twitter.com/TDSB_RoywoodPS)

