



Tom Longboat JPS

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SAFE ARRIVAL

**Full Day Absence
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OCTOBER 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fall is here! We have had an exciting and successful start to the school year. Our students are actively engaged in their classrooms, and are eager to learn each day.

During the month of September, we have focused on the health and wellness of all our students at Tom Longboat. In particular, we are ensuring that our students are practicing proper hand hygiene (hand washing and using hand sanitizer), and using physical distancing to remain as safe as possible.

We also have a few additional reminders to keep our students safe:

Daily Health Self-Assessment

- Please ensure you complete the Toronto Public Health self-assessment for your child every day
- Please sign the TDSB Health Pass and have your child hold it while lining up

Masks/Face Coverings

- All students are required to wear masks/face coverings while in the school, and outside when physical distancing is not possible
- The TDSB now requires all parents/guardians to wear masks/face coverings while outdoors on all TDSB properties

Water Bottles

- Students are asked to bring 2 water bottles to last them throughout the day

Outdoor Clothing

- Please ensure your child is prepared to be outside for morning verification, recesses and lunch every day
- If it is raining, please send your child in rain boots, a rain coat, and bring an umbrella
- If it is cold/snowing, please send your child in winter boots, snow pants, winter coat, hat and mitts

Thank you for continuing to keep our students safe!

Sincerely,
Andrea Chisholm
Principal

TDSB CELEBRATES!



October is...

Hispanic Heritage Month

Islamic Heritage Month

Somali Heritage Month

Women's History Month

For more information, please go to www.tdsb.on.ca

LOOK AT OUR LONGBOAT LEADERS...

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR SEPTEMBER – RESPECT

Student	Teacher	Class
Ali	Ms Shnayderman	K1
Diara	Mr Birta	K2
Armaan	Ms Stephen	1/2A
Xavier	Ms Stephen	1/2A
Aabriella	Ms Bonnell	1/2B
Shahana	Ms Bonnell	1/2B
Thivyan	Ms Sawyer-Hazell	3
Saajana	Ms Sawyer-Hazell	3
Adarsh	Ms Yung	4/5
Laiybah	Ms Yung	4/5
Athithan	Ms Riding	6
Hafsah	Ms Riding	6

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the conversation by following the TDSB on social media. See the most up-to-date information and find out what's happening across the Board by following our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Twitter

@TomLongboatPS

@TDSB

<http://www.twitter.com/tomlongboatps>

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BIRTHDAY WISHES



SEPTEMBER

Student	Class
Aiden	1/2B
Emmanuella	6
Jimmy	6
Kapishan	1/2B
Kashmala	1/2B
Malaysia	3
Siya	K1
Simran	4/5

OCTOBER

Student	Class
Alayah	6
Anas	1/2B
Andrew	1/2A
Anna	4/5
Elin	1/2A
Evangeline	3
Heidi	K2
Jayda-Sky	1/2B
Kephas	1/2B
Mithula	6
Mustafa	3
Nirushan	6
Nithula	6
Racina	1/2B
Rithan	6
Rosana	K2
Sahl	3

RETURNING TO IN SCHOOL LEARNING OR VIRTUAL SCHOOL - DEADLINES

We recognize that parents/guardians and/or students may want to switch between in-person learning and Virtual School.

It is important to note that, for health and safety reasons, and because of the impact switching would have on staffing, physical distancing and space allocation, it will not be possible to immediately transition between the two models.

As a result, opportunities to enter the Virtual School or to return to in-person learning will be provided at key dates during the school year.

Opportunity to Change	Date the Change of Class would Take Effect	Deadline for Requesting Change
#2: Following Progress Reporting Period	November 23, 2020	November 06, 2020
#3: Following Distribution of First Provincial Report Card	February 16, 2021 (day after Family Day Holiday)	January 29, 2021

VIRTUAL TO INSCHOOL

Families of elementary students who would like to switch from the Virtual School to in-person learning must complete the [TDSB Virtual School Opt-Out online form](#) before the deadline to request the change.

To complete this form, you will need your child's Student Number. Please email your child's teacher if you do not know this number.

INSCHOOL TO VIRTUAL

Please email Ms Russell if you would like your child to transfer to the Virtual School. Desleigh.Russell@tdsb.on.ca

TDSB RECOGNIZES ORANGE SHIRT DAY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

From the TDSB Website: In 1973, 6-year-old Phyllis Webstad was excited to wear her new orange shirt to her first day of school. Phyllis says of the shirt, "it was so bright and exciting-just like it felt to be going to school!" When she arrived at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her shirt was taken and never given back.

For Phyllis, "the color orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying and no one cared."

Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the history of Residential Schools in Canada and we honour Survivors.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020 (we wore) orange to participate in Orange Shirt Day. Follow [@UIEC_tdsb](#) and [@tdsb](#) on Twitter to see how students and staff from across the Toronto District School Board recognize Orange Shirt Day.

For more information, visit the [Urban Indigenous Education Centre \(UIEC\)](#) website and check out the [UIEC's K-12 Orange Shirt Day activities and resources](#). See the attached Orange Shirt Day 2020 poster. Additional teaching and learning tools and resources for Indigenous Education can be found on the [UIEC's Google site](#). To learn more about Phyllis' story and Orange Shirt Day visit www.orangeshirtday.org. See [Orange Shirt Day 2020 poster](#).



TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



Together we raised over \$119. Thank you to Parents and Students for supporting our Tom Longboat Terry Fox Run.

Go Tom Longboat!!



WEATHER GUIDELINES

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold. (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing. (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or available by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions: Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.

During these extreme weather conditions, students may wait inside entry doors starting at 8:30am and 12:15pm.

Longboat students wear SNOWPANTS!!!



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.





Tom Longboat Junior Public School
37 Crow Trail
Scarborough ON M1B 1X6

School Council Elections 2020-2021

October 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM
Google Meet

School Councils are a great way for parents/guardians to become engaged in the school. The purpose of the Council is “to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents (Reg.612/2.1) through active parent engagement.

Election of Council Parent/Guardian Representatives

- Vacant positions for parent/guardian representatives on the school council sit for a term of one year.
- All parent/guardians with children in our school are eligible to be elected for the school council.
- A person is not qualified to a parent member of council if he or she is employed at the school or not employed at the school but is employed elsewhere by the Board, unless he or she takes reasonable steps to inform people qualified to vote in the election of parent members of that employment.
- Nomination forms (attached) are due in the main school office, no later than **(October 8, 2020 – 3:30pm)**.
- The list of candidates and brief biography (if provided) will be posted on the school noticeboard on October 9, 2020.

Elections

- Only parents/guardians of currently registered children attending Tom Longboat Junior Public School can participate in the voting process.
- The elections shall be by secret ballot on October 14, 2020 – 9:00AM.
- Successful candidates will be notified and posted on the school website.

To register your attendance and to receive the link for the meeting, please email
Desleigh.Russell@tdsb.on.ca.



TOM LONGBOAT JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT ELECTION
NOMINATION FORM**

**Please complete and return to the office by
October 8, 2020, 3:30pm**

☐ I wish to nominate _____ for the School Council.

☐ I wish to self-nominate for the School Council.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am the parent of the following student(s) at _____ School:

Student: _____ in Grade: _____ Class: _____

Student: _____ in Grade: _____ Class: _____

I am an employee of the Toronto District School Board: _____ Yes (or) _____ No

I agree to have my name listed on the School Council bulletin board for election purposes. __Yes __No

Nominee Name (Please Print)

Signature

Nominator Name (Please Print)

Signature

Please include a brief description of your skills/interest. You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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 does not have any symptoms or have had 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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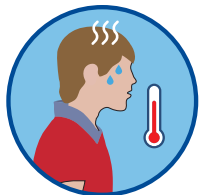
** Parent/Guardian of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students to sign. High school and adult students can sign themselves.*





COVID-19

**Do you have any
of the following (new or worsening):**



Fever



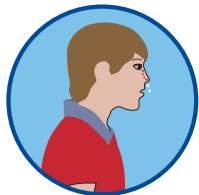
Cough



Difficulty breathing



**Sore throat,
trouble swallowing**



**Runny nose or
red eyes**



**Loss of taste or
smell**



**Not feeling well,
tired or sore muscles**



**Nausea, vomiting,
diarrhea**



Have you been in close contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days without wearing appropriate PPE?



Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?



If you answered YES to any of these questions, go home & self-isolate right away. Call Telehealth or your health care provider, to find out if you need a test.



Mask Required



Parents/Guardians are required
to wear a mask/face covering while
outdoors on school property, including
during pick-up and drop-off

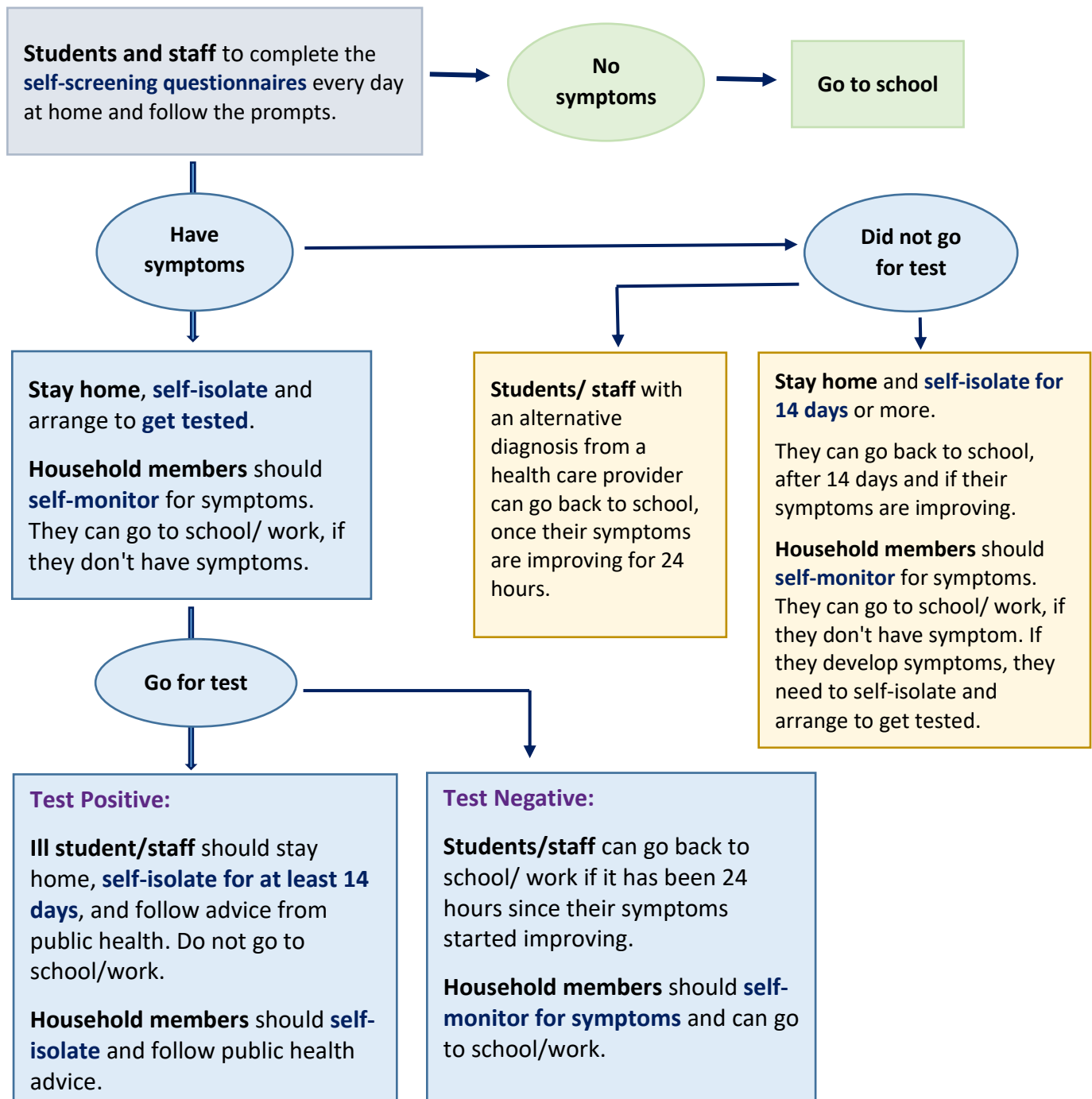


COVID-19 School Decision Guide

Updated September 24, 2020

For all situations listed in the flow chart below:

- If the student or staff has symptoms and has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19, the ill student/staff will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Their household members will need to stay home and self-isolate until COVID-19 is ruled out.
- Anyone who has travelled outside of Canada is required to self-isolate for 14 days. Their household members do not need to self-isolate if they have not travelled, if they don't have symptoms and they are not a close contact of a positive case.





WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



If your child has one or more (new or worsening) [symptoms of COVID-19](#), they should stay at home, [self-isolate](#), and get tested. Call your child's school to let them know that your child has COVID-19 symptoms.



HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS SHOULD SELF-MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS

Household members should monitor for symptoms for 14 days. They can go to school or work if they do not have symptoms and the child with symptoms has not tested positive for COVID-19. This includes while you are waiting for the test results. If the child has symptoms and was a close contact of someone who had COVID-19 then household members should stay home and self-isolate.



GET TESTED

Contact your child's health care provider if you have questions about testing. Find an [Assessment Centre](#) near you to get tested. Children can often get a swab of the throat and each nostril, so it is more comfortable than a deep nasal swab. [Saliva tests](#) are also available.

When going to an assessment centre, don't use public transit. Drive your child if you can, ask for a ride, or use a taxi or ride share. Wear a mask, sit in the back seat, and keep the windows open.



CHECK YOUR CHILD'S TEST RESULTS

You can check your test results at covid-19.ontario.ca by clicking on "check your lab results." Results can take a few days.

If your child TESTS NEGATIVE for COVID-19:

- Your child may return to school if it has been 24 hours since their symptoms started improving.
- Young children may have ongoing mild symptoms, such as a runny nose. If it is not new or worse, they may go back to school if they don't have other symptoms.

If your child TESTS POSITIVE for COVID-19:

- Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms started.
- Household members and close contacts must also self-isolate for 14 days.
- Let your school know that your child tested positive for COVID-19.
- Toronto Public Health will contact you to do an investigation and with further instructions.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



NOT TESTED

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms and did not have a COVID-19 test, they must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms started. Even if their symptoms get better sooner, they will need to stay home for 14 days. Household members will continue to self-monitor for 14 days. Household members can continue to attend school or work as long as they do not have any symptoms.



SICK FOR OTHER REASONS

Sometimes children are sick for other reasons. If your health care provider has ruled out COVID-19, your child may return to school once it has been 24 hours since their symptoms started improving. Note that TPH does not recommend requiring a medical note to confirm this.



HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600.