



April 29, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 16

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, the Government announced its plan to reopen schools. Yesterday, we forwarded you the [letter to parents](#) from the Minister of Education, Mr. Roberge. Below, you will find some additional information applicable to our school board.

Elementary Schools Reopening on May 11, 2020

The elementary schools located outside the [Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal](#) are scheduled to reopen on **Monday, May 11**. The nine schools are:

- Arundel Elementary School
- Grenville Elementary School
- Joliette Elementary School
- Laurentia Elementary School
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- Morin-Heights Elementary School
- Rawdon Elementary School
- Sainte-Adèle Elementary School
- Sainte-Agathe Academy (elementary)

Elementary Schools Reopening on May 19, 2020

The remaining seventeen elementary schools are scheduled to reopen on **Tuesday, May 19**. These are:

- Crestview Elementary School
- Franklin Hill Elementary School
- Genesis Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- Jules Verne Elementary School
- McCaig Elementary School
- Mountainview Elementary School
- Our Lady of Peace Elementary School
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School
- Pinewood Elementary School
- Souvenir Elementary School
- Saint Jude Elementary School
- Saint Paul Elementary School
- Saint Vincent Elementary School
- Terry Fox Elementary School
- Twin Oaks Elementary School

We invite you to read the [Q and A](#) made available by the Government on its website concerning the reopening of schools.

High Schools and Centres | Picking Up Personal Belongings

As directed by the Minister of Education, high schools and adult education centres will remain closed to students until September. Consequently, you will be contacted by your school/centre to pick up your child's personal belongings.

- **Only one parent/guardian per student** will be permitted access to the school/centre.
- Access will be **by appointment ONLY**. You must register your appointment on the link that will be sent by your school/centre.
- **Strict safety and hygiene measures** from public health authorities **must be followed at all times**:
 - Respect physical distancing by staying 2 metres away from others.
 - No gatherings are allowed (even small groups).
 - Anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms must stay home.
 - Anyone without an appointment will not be permitted on school/centre premises.
 - The individual directives in place at each school/centre **MUST** be respected at all times.

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Adult Education and Vocational Training

Our **Adult Education centres** remain closed to students until September. However, online distance and distance learning programs continue to be offered to students.

Though our **Vocational Training centres** also remain closed until September, some students may be invited to come to one of the centres for technical and practical training that cannot be done online. Should the presence of students be required for practical learning or for certain evaluations, it will be prohibited for more than 50% of students to be present at any given time, as per public health directives. The centre will be contacting these students individually.

Please note that the theoretical elements of the competencies developed in our vocational training programs will continue to be offered through online and distance learning modes.

Elementary School Attendance and Pedagogical Support

School attendance will remain non-compulsory until the end of the school year, although as per the Minister of Education's letter, it is highly recommended that students with special needs return to school to benefit from optimal pedagogical support.

Students who remain at home will continue to be provided with pedagogical support and weekly check-ins by teachers and school teams.

All online resources will continue to be updated and available:

- SWLSB Learning Backpack
- MEES Open School (ecoleouverte.ca)
- Weekly toolkits sent to students
- Télé-Québec pedagogical programming

Elementary School Survey

As per the Ministry's directives, elementary school parents will have to **confirm their child's attendance one week before the school reopening date**. You will receive specific information in this regard from your elementary school.

In the meantime, in order to help us organize a safe and secure return for your child, we ask that you **please complete the [following short survey](#)**, whether you plan to send your child to school or not. Rest assured that this survey will remain confidential. Its purpose is to give us a pulse of where the community is at, to better plan the reopening of schools on May 11 and May 19.

Rest assured that the safety of our students and staff remains our utmost priority and, as such, we will be educating our students on this topic by reinforcing and modeling the necessary hygiene and safety measures. There will be signage and floor decals in all our buildings to help everyone understand and follow the rules of physical distancing and adopt proper hygiene habits.

We are all in this together and, together, we can get through anything.

Keep well, keep healthy, keep safe.



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