



May 13, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 20

Dear SWLSB Parents/Guardians,

It's been quite a busy week for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Eight of our elementary schools and daycares reopened on May 11 and eighteen are still scheduled to reopen on May 25 as per the latest directives from Public Health. We wish to thank our school teams that were ready for welcoming students back to a new reality.

Confirming your child's presence at school

Whether your child started school on May 11 or will be starting on May 25, it is **imperative** that you inform your school **at least one week ahead of time** to allow the school teams to be prepared to welcome the precise number of students. If your school sent you a survey, please make sure to complete it within the required timeframe. Proper planning will ensure everyone's safety. Should you change your mind and wish to stop sending your child(ren) to school, you must also notify the school immediately for logistical reasons.

As per [Public Health](#), it is recommended that students who are vulnerable in terms of health (e.g. chronic disease, severe immunodeficiency) not return to school for health and safety reasons. Students who have a condition that increases their risk for serious complications of COVID-19 are advised to stay home until September 2020.

We thank you for your collaboration. Communication is key.

Pedagogical support at a distance

Elementary students that remain home will continue to receive weekly follow ups from their respective school teams.

As for our high schools, all teachers continue to offer distance learning opportunities for all students. The usual educational platforms continue to be available and updated on a weekly basis.

Our Adult Education centres are offering online distance and distance learning programs 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. Rest assured, 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.

School daycare week

This week was supposed to be the 2020 School Daycare Appreciation Week but it was postponed to 2021 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, we wanted to take the time to tell all of our daycare personnel how much they are appreciated and valued! Our students, younger and older had a [few words for them](#). Our school daycares offer quality services to our students and have continued to do so these past 2 months under difficult circumstances. Our school daycare teams were there for the children, day in, day out and we are extremely proud and grateful for this. Join us in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to our students.

We thank you for your continued collaboration and understanding during this challenging period. Should you have any questions, we invite you to contact your school administration.

Stay safe and keep well.

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Schools scheduled to reopen May 25

- Crestview Elementary School
- Franklin Hill Elementary School
- Genesis Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- Joliette 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

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