



January 8, 2021

Subject: Information to parents – Update # 11

Dear SWLSB Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a restful holiday break, and we wish you health and happiness in 2021. Following the press conferences held by Premier Legault and Minister Roberge, please find important information below:

Reopening of ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Students will be returning to their classrooms on **Monday, January 11, 2021**, as scheduled.
- All students, except for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, **must wear a face covering in hallways and all common areas as well as on the school bus.**
- **Grades 5 and 6 students** are required to wear a face covering in the classroom.
- Elementary students are not required to wear a face covering outside on school grounds.
- All daycares are open for registered students.

Reopening of HIGH SCHOOLS and ADULT EDUCATION / VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

- In-presence learning will resume on **Monday, January 18, 2021.**
- Students in secondary 3, 4, and 5 will attend class every other day.
- All students are required to wear procedural masks in the classroom as well as all indoor and outdoor areas on school/centre grounds.
- Two procedural masks will be provided each day to every student.

Ventilation Systems

As a result of the MEQ initiative regarding the testing of CO2 levels in schools across the province, the MEQ stipulates that:

- The current protocol for school ventilation systems remains in effect.
- All schools will be tested for the level of CO2.

At SWLSB, we have currently tested 16 schools/centres even though the MEQ had asked us to test only 4. The results of these tests will be sent to each school and centre and will be presented at their respective Governing Boards in February. We will test the remainder of the schools/centres and we will also share these results as they become available.

Evaluation of Learning

The Education Minister announced various measures related to evaluation of learning:

- The ponderation for Term 1 results will be inferior to the ponderation for Term 2 results.
- The first report card must be sent to parents by February 5 (instead of January 22).
- Ministerial exams will be cancelled for this school year.
- The Government will recruit tutors via their “Répondez présent” platform.
- A toolbox with best practices for handling face coverings and procedural masks is available at <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/mask/>



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REPORTING COVID CASES IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Between January 9 and January 17, we will not be sending COVID declaration letters given that there are no students physically at school. However, we continue to do the tracking of COVID cases. Therefore, if your child tests positive to COVID, please inform your school. We are also continuing to post the active COVID cases on the school board [website](#).

Should you have any questions, we invite you to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your continued collaboration.



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