



Rainy River

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

October 2, 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

I want to once again thank families for your patience and cooperation as we work together to keep students and staff within our schools safe and healthy. With our province seeing an increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the spread of the virus. I urge all parents/guardians of students attending school in-person to continue to monitor your child's health daily, to check for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 using the provincial School Screening tool – ontario.ca/SchoolScreening, and to follow the recommendations provided.

As of October 1, 2020, the Ministry of Health guidelines have changed regarding the type and number of symptoms needed for a child to stay home for a period of time and seek medical advice. The changes below are based on public health advice on the common symptoms presented in COVID-19 cases in children.

Symptoms:	Instruction:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever and/or chills• Cough• Shortness of breath• Decrease or loss of smell or taste	Your child should stay home to isolate immediately. Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sore throat;• stuffy and/or runny nose;• headache;• nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea;• fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches or malaise	<p>If your child has only one of these symptoms, and <u>this symptom is new or worsening</u>, they should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom is improving, your child may return to school when they feel well enough to do so. A negative COVID-19 test is not required to return. However, if the symptom persists or worsens, please contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.</p> <p>If your child has two or more of these symptoms, and these <u>symptoms are new or worsening</u>, they should stay home to isolate immediately. Again, please contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.</p>

We know there is a lot of information regarding COVID-19, which can be overwhelming and confusing, especially given how quickly the information can change. As well, we recognize the challenge of trying to navigate whether or not to have your child tested. The updated provincial screening tool will help to provide more clarity for decision-making, while ensuring that our assessment centres and health care practitioners see only those who need to be assessed.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and flexibility during this time.

Sincerely,

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