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DAILY ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

The RCDSB reminds parents/guardians of a few important points that are required in order to keep our schools safe for both students and staff.

As parents/guardians you are responsible for assessing your child/children daily for any of the common signs/symptoms of COVID-19. Do not send your child/children to school if they, or anyone in the immediate household are experiencing ANY of the following symptoms (immediate household members may include siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.):

- new or worsening cough;
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- temperature equal to or over
- 38°C;
- feeling feverish;
- chills;
- runny nose;
- fatigue or weakness;
- muscle or body aches;
- new loss of smell or taste;
- headache;
- gastrointestinal symptoms
- (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting);
- feeling very unwell.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the [Ministry of Health's online COVID-19 School Screening Self-Assessment](#) daily for their child/children. If the assessment results indicates your child should be tested/not attend school, all household members should self-isolate immediately and call the [Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre](#) or your family doctor immediately to coordinate testing and/or next-steps.

Should parents/guardians choose not to test their child/children who are experiencing signs and symptoms, the entire household must self-isolate for 14 days.



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If your child is away from school presenting with any COVID-19 signs/symptom, or your child is away due to a symptomatic household member, they (along with other immediate household members) should not come back to school until:

- the students and/or household member presenting with signs/symptoms has a negative test result;
- testing was not deemed necessary by a healthcare professional, and the student is symptom free for 24 hours, or;
- households who did not wish to participate in testing have self-isolated for a period of 14 days.

Limit your family's social circle and following updated guidelines/recommendations from public health is critical at this time. Keeping a tight bubble, and considering where you're going and who you may be exposed to, should continue to be top of mind.

Masking while at school and on the bus is mandatory for all RCDSB staff and students from grades 4 to 12 (unless medically exempt). However, masking is strongly encouraged for all grades from K to 12.

We want to thank parents/guardians for your continued diligence in following these critical procedures and guidelines. As always, our top priority is to ensure our schools remain a safe place for all in our school communities.

For full and updated content on this process, we would encourage parents/guardians to visit the RCDSB Return to School and Work Resource Guide [here](#).