

March 12, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 3

Dear Parents/Guardians.

As a follow-up to yesterday's communication, please find below the latest updates.

### Students returning from outside of Canada ON or AFTER March 12, 2020

As of today, ALL students returning from outside of Canada must stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the date of their return to Canada as prescribed by public health.

Parents must IMMEDIATELY inform their child's school, monitor their child's health and contact Info-Santé at 811 or 1 877 644-4545 if any flu-like symptoms arise.

For example, a student who arrived today from outside of Canada, would be expected to return to school on March 26, if they do not display flu-like symptoms.

### Students who have returned from outside of Canada BEFORE March 12, 2020

Students who have returned from outside of Canada before March 12, and DO NOT HAVE ANY flulike symptoms are expected at school as usual.

For example, if a student went abroad during March Break and returned to Canada before March 12 and DOES NOT HAVE any flu-like symptoms, they are to go to school as usual.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, stay home (self-isolate) and call Info-Santé at 811 or 1 877 644-4545.

### Employees and students with flu-like symptoms

Any employee or student who presents with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing, pneumonia) must stay home (self-isolate) for 14 days.

Parents are asked to IMMEDIATELY inform their school if their child has flu-like symptoms.

# Additional measures /directives

- Parents must advise their school if their child has been in contact with a person who has travelled in a country identified as at-risk
- Indoor gatherings of 250 people and more are prohibited
- All school/centre outings and trips outside of Canada are prohibited
- All school/centre outings and trips within Canada will be reviewed on a case by case basis
- As of today, any NEW international student will not be permitted to join our schools/centres



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## **Health measures**

As always, proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infections to others. We count on your collaboration to promote and model the following hygiene habits:

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand.

Our schools and centres will allow for extra time for students to wash their hands. The following videos, and others you can find on the web, can also help reinforce these habits with your children.

- Pre-K, Kindergarten and Elementary Cycle 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2lNKY48zE0
- Elementary Cycles 2 and 3, secondary school and adult education and vocational training centres: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUCm4E

## **Cleaning procedures**

We have ordered additional cleaning and hygiene products for all our buildings. As part of the regular maintenance routine, enhanced cleaning practices are now applied, and particular attention is put on high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, handrails, etc.

Please note that tomorrow, March 13, our schools and centres are closed to students as our maintenance staff will be diligently cleaning our buildings.

Our administration staff will be in their buildings tomorrow to plan the return of your child(ren) in our schools/centres on Monday. We take this opportunity to thank our employees for their dedication and professionalism in ensuring the wellbeing of our students during these difficult times.

We thank you, the parents for your collaboration, patience and understanding in this ever-evolving situation.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

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