

THE DISCOVERY MONTESSORI

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Dear Parents,

Happy 2022!

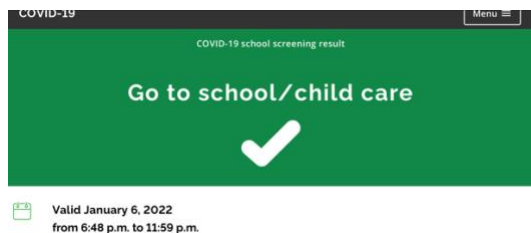
I hope all of you are doing fine and staying healthy and safe.

The school routine is back and so is the Omicron variant. The school is taking all the necessary precautions to continue the safe and healthy learning environment for children. We all are more vigilant with the health and safety guidelines for preschoolers as there is currently no vaccine available for the age group between 0 to 4. The guidelines are changing as the virus is changing its behavior.

Daily Morning Screening.

I would like to bring to your attention the latest public health measures that are in place with immediate effect.

1. As of Monday 10 January 2022, parents will no longer receive the daily morning screening email from the school, instead they are required to **SELF SCREEN** their children by using the online provincial self-assessment tool every morning. Here is the link for this tool: [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#);
2. The school staff members are also required to **SELF SCREEN** themselves, every morning, by using the same online tool. [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#);
3. Please **save/bookmark** this link in the favourites tab of your phone browser for ready access every morning.
4. **Staff members/parents and must not attend/send children to school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined below.**
5. Upon completion of the online screening the parent/staff member will receive a green check sign and a "Go to school" text on their phone. Please see a sample of this message below.



6. **IMPORTANT:** Please **KEEP** this green check sign on your phone as the school screening staff member will ask you to show this result to them and they will also conduct a temperature check of the child before allowing the child into the classroom.

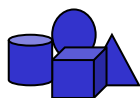
If an individual is symptomatic with one or more major symptom, or two or more other symptoms as shown in the Table below, they must isolate regardless of vaccination status. Household members must isolate as well.

Major and Other COVID-19 Symptoms Major Symptom (one or more)

- Fever (37.8°C or higher) and chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste

Other Symptoms (two or more)

- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches and joint pain
- Extreme fatigue
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., vomiting or diarrhea)



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Symptomatic individual must isolate for **5 days** if: you are fully vaccinated (i.e., 2 shots of a vaccine) and otherwise healthy OR **under 12 years old**.

Symptomatic individual must isolate for **10 days** if: you are 12 years of age or older and **NOT** fully vaccinated (i.e., 2 shots of a vaccine) OR are immunocompromised

I have attached two flow charts to understand the scenarios of exposure to a positive Covid person or tested positive with Covid -19.

In a household or school setting if you or your child is exposed to a person with a positive case of covid-19 the quarantine starts from the day of testing or symptoms whichever was first. The countdown is five days. The child or the educator can return back to school if he/she is symptom free after five days. The child and the educator are not allowed in school with any symptoms and if the testing is not available the time for isolation is still five days.

I will be communicating with you for any new update from the Ministry of Education or Peel Public Health.

Please stay safe, stay vigilant and contact me if you have any questions or need any further information

Warm Regards,

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