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RE: NEW PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO ADDRESS COVID-19

Dear parents/guardians:

New measures are being introduced to address the local increase of COVID-19.

Effective today, Public Health Sudbury & Districts is implementing Rapid Antigen Testing for students to do at home **before** coming to school.

Kits are being distributed to all students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 to test twice weekly - Monday and Thursday mornings. Unvaccinated students in Grades 9 to 12 can also test twice weekly by picking up a kit at their respective secondary schools. You may wish to learn more about how to complete the test by watching this [video](#).

Unvaccinated students participating in school sports teams will be required to complete Rapid Antigen Testing before practice and games. Coaches and organizers will share details with students. Please support the testing should it apply to your child as we work with Public Health to continue to provide opportunities for students to participate in sports.

This testing is an effort to further protect in-person learning by detecting possible cases of COVID-19 in unvaccinated and asymptomatic students.

As you know, all students, staff and visitors to Rainbow Schools are required to screen for COVID-19 daily BEFORE leaving home for school by completing the COVID-19 School Screening Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Stay home and seek testing at the first sign of a COVID-19 symptom, even a mild one.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has directed school boards and schools to perform daily confirmation of self-screening for students. This will begin Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 will confirm that they have completed the screening tool with their teachers in homerooms. The student's daily attendance will serve as confirmation.

Parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are required to submit a form to confirm that they have completed the screening tool for their children. Schools will provide the link to parents/guardians via email. (If you do not have email, please contact the school.)



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Remember to follow the critical ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay home and [isolate](#) if symptoms appear.
- Practise two-metre physical distancing.
- Wear a mask at all times in indoor public spaces.

When outdoors, students are encouraged to maintain physical distancing.

NEW: Students will be required to wear a mask outdoors at all times.

Please send extra masks to school, in case they get wet during nutrition breaks.

As always, we will monitor our schools closely for any signs of COVID-19. When there is a confirmed case with an impact on a school, we will follow the guidance from Public Health.

Updated information will be shared on the Board's COVID-19 Advisory Section:

<https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/covid-19/covid-19-advisory-2021-2022/>

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 or the measures taken to address COVID-19, please visit www.phsd.ca/COVID-19 or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 ext. 524.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education