



EMSB COVID-19 Newsletter

Welcome to the eighth edition of our COVID-19 newsletter, where you will find information regarding the latest Ministry of Education directives and Public Health guidelines, as well as answers to some of the most frequently asked questions from parents and students.



**Wishing you and your families health,
happiness and prosperity for the new year.**

**Despite the difficult start to the new year due to
the pandemic, we are very happy to be able
to welcome our students and staff
in person in January!**



The EMSB will continue to implement COVID-19 Ministry protocols in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

You have questions, we have answers! We invite you to have a look at our [COVID-19/back-to-school FAQ](#), which is regularly updated. It currently features over 75 questions and answers.

Should you have additional questions, please [contact us](#).

New Ministry Safety and Health Measures

Pre-K and Elementary

- Pre-K and Elementary students will be physically present at school as of **January 11**
- Except preschoolers (Pre-K and K), all students must wear ***face coverings** in common areas, on the school grounds (except the playground), and on the school bus
- Face coverings are mandatory for **grade 5 and 6 students** in the classroom
- Face coverings are to be provided by parents
- Daycare services will resume on **January 11th** for all those who are registered
- Extracurricular activities and fields trips are suspended



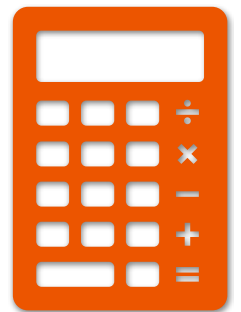
Secondary

- Students will be physically present at school as of **January 18**
- It is mandatory for all secondary students to wear ***procedural masks** in the classroom, common areas, and on the school grounds
- Students will receive two procedural masks daily provided by the Ministry
- Extracurricular activities and fields trips are suspended



Adult Education and Vocational

- Students will be physically present at school as of **January 18**
- It is mandatory for all adult students to wear procedural masks in the classroom, common areas, and on school grounds
- Students will receive two procedural masks daily provided by the Ministry
- Emphasis will be placed on distance training for study programs when possible
- Internships and laboratories will be maintained



✔ [Click here](#) for the complete Ministry directives effective Jan. 9th to Feb. 8th 2021

Procedural Mask vs. Face covering

Sector	Requirement	Distribution
Elementary	<p>Pre-K and K students are encouraged to wear face coverings in common areas, on school grounds (except the playground), and school bus</p> <p>Students in grades 1 to 4 must wear face coverings in common areas, on school grounds (except the playground), and school bus</p> <p>Students in grade 5 and 6 must wear face coverings in the classroom, common areas, on school grounds (except the playground), and school bus</p>	<p>Parents must provide their children with a face covering</p> <p>Schools will be equipped to provide procedural masks only if a child forgets to bring one to school on a given day</p>

Sector	Requirement	Distribution
High School	Secondary students must wear procedural masks in the classroom, common areas, on school grounds and on public transportation	Two procedural masks will be provided by the Ministry on a daily basis
Adult Education and Vocational	Adult students must wear procedural masks in the classroom, common areas, on school grounds, and on public transportation	Two procedural masks will be provided by the Ministry on a daily basis

*A face covering (or cloth mask) is a reusable mask

*A procedural mask (blue/white medical mask) is a disposable mask

Click on the links below for more information on PPE.

- [Wearing a Face Covering in Public Settings](#)
- [How to use a face covering or a mask](#)
- [How to use a fabric mask](#)

Air Purifiers in Schools



The EMSB is proceeding with the installation of air purifiers in classrooms that are not equipped with mechanical ventilation systems.

We have ordered a little over 800 units and have completed all electrical and installation preparatory work needed for installation. To date, we have received 330 units and they have been installed accordingly. Depending on delivery delays we are scheduled to complete the installation of all units by the end of January.

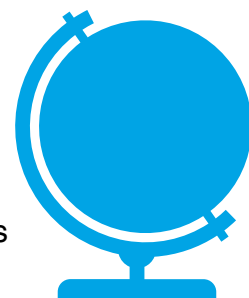
This initiative, which is estimated to cost \$1.75 million, is being financed by the EMSB.

Travel Measures

Although travelling is strongly discouraged, should your child have to travel outside of Canada, please be reminded that the **quarantine period before returning to school is 14 days**.

Kindly note that we will not be providing students who return from travel with online instruction. In addition, we would like to remind parents that as per the directives from the MEQ:

- Only students who have been ordered to self-isolate following a positive result while in school will receive pedagogical services and/or assignments from their teachers



Kindly keep these directives in mind when planning for travel.

✓ [Click here](#) to visit the Quebec Government website and view the measures in force by region.

Reminder from Public Health Authorities Health Assessment and Isolation Recommendations

Parents are sent regular reminders to assess their child's health before coming to school. We encourage you to visit the links below for a guide that can help you assess whether your child should or should not be reporting to school as well as a symptom assessment tool for both adults and children.

- ✓ [Click here](#) for testing and isolation recommendations
- ✓ [COVID-19 Symptom Assessment Tool for Adults and Staff](#)
- ✓ [COVID-19 Symptom Assessment Tool for Children](#)



Multilingual Information on COVID-19

For a variety of multilingual information on COVID-19, we encourage you to visit Santé Montreal's website where you will find a variety of useful tools in many different languages.

- ✓ [Click here](#) to visit Santé Montreal's multilingual page.



Registering Your Child to one of our Youth Schools; Book an Appointment Online!

To register your child for the next school year (2021-2022), the registration period will be the last week of January for siblings and the first week of February for new students. Please contact your child's/ local school for more information.

To register for the current school year (2020-2021), you may book an appointment online by using the following link:

- ✓ <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/EMSBSchoolOrganization1@eduembqc.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>



Continue to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding large gatherings and crowded places!

It is a collective responsibility.



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