



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Public Health Requirement Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Toronto Public Health has announced modifications to our COVID-19 screening protocols and interventions.

Please review the following changes so we can continue to support the St. Michael's College School community with a safe educational experience.

Previously, there was a differentiation in the severity of COVID-19 symptoms and follow up requirements.

We have summarized the main changes but encourage you to view the attached communication from Toronto Public Health for more detailed instructions.

In summary, students should monitor for any of the following symptoms:

- Fever >38.7
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat or painful swallowing
- Stuffy/runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Feeling unwell, muscle aches or tired

If your child is experiencing ANY of these symptoms, they must stay home, isolate, and test for COVID-19 at an assessment centre. If your child does not have a COVID-19 test, they must stay home and self-isolate for 10 days, starting from the day the symptoms began. Even if their symptoms improve, they must stay home for 10 days without testing. In addition, students must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Siblings are also required to stay home from school and monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 until the symptomatic child has received a negative test. If the symptomatic child does not receive a COVID-19 test, siblings must also study from home for the duration of the isolation period.

When students are absent from school, parents are required to report their child's name and symptoms to the Attendance Office. Also, please let the Attendance Office know if there are asymptomatic siblings who will be studying from home.

Our school nurse will communicate via Edsby the requirements for a safe return to school as outlined by Toronto Public Health, and will be the main support contact for your family during this time.

As we continue to navigate COVID-19 regulations, we thank you for your ongoing patience and your dedication to a healthy school environment. We are grateful for your vigilance in monitoring for symptoms within your family and we are encouraged by the abundance of caution and care in your decisions.

Thank you.

