

Action Team: *[Enhanced Public Health Measures]*

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Audience: *[All]*

Student Screening

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board wants to provide a safe and healthy learning and working environment for both students and staff. Parents/guardians/caregivers, school staff and students (over age 18) must be aware of the screening process for students, prior to daily entry. In addition, staff must be aware of and must implement exclusion criteria as outlined in this document.

Direction

Parents/guardians/caregivers and students over age 18 will be provided with a checklist to perform **daily** screening of their children/themselves (if over age 18) **before** arriving at school. They may complete the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) either online or offline.

Beginning August 17th, parents/guardians/caregivers and students over age 18 will receive detailed information on COVID-19 screening and exclusion criteria. Prior to beginning school on September 8th, parents/guardians/caregivers and students over age 18 must complete a **one-time** attestation indicating the following:

If you have any questions about the statements below, please contact the student's school prior to completion.

Note: The term "student" is intended to be inclusive and refers to the child of the parent/guardian/caregiver or the student if they are age 18 or older.

- ☐ I have read and understood the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) formerly called "HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist."
- ☐ I understand that prior to the student attending school, I must complete a **daily** COVID-19 Screen either by completing the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) formerly called "HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist" or the Ontario online [self assessment](#).
- ☐ I will follow the instructions at the completion of the Screening.
- ☐ I understand that if the student is feeling ill or if the student fails the checklist or self-assessment, they must remain home and I will contact the school to report the absence.
- ☐ I understand that if the student begins to feel ill during the day with COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated until they are picked up and I will be contacted to pick them up immediately. They will be supervised during this time.
- ☐ I understand that if I send the student to school with COVID-19 symptoms I will be risking the health and safety of my child, other students and staff.
- ☐ I understand that if one student in my home tests positive for COVID-19, all students in my home will remain home for 14 days from the time of symptom onset or if asymptomatic, since the test date (or longer if symptoms are not improving)
- ☐ I understand that I must complete the attestation for each student that attends a HWDSB school.

- ☐ I understand that I must complete the DAILY COVID-19 screen for each student that attends a HWDSB school.

Please note the following:

- Students will not be allowed to attend school until the attestation is complete.
- Parents/guardians/caregivers or students (over age 18) will complete the attestation through the ParentPortal App.
- PowerSchool will document completion of the attestation.
- School administration will contact any families who have not completed the attestation for each child (August 26th onward).
- If parent/guardian/caregiver is unable to complete the attestation through the ParentPortal the following options are available:
 - Print and sign a copy of the Attestation ([downloaded from the HWDSB website](#)) or email a signed copy to the school (Office Administrator to input into PowerSchool)
 - Schools to make paper copy available should the parent be unable to complete the attestation otherwise.
- A Daily Screening Communications Strategy will be developed and will focus on use of social media, school and board websites and SchoolMessenger (message and texts)

It is essential that strict exclusion policies are in place for symptomatic students and staff. See **Exclusion Protocol**.

Safety Considerations

Contacts

Communications and Community Engagement (web questions)
IIT (technical issues)

Resources

Please check Ontario's [COVID-19 website](#) regularly for latest information.

Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild. @HWDSB: Building a Community of Care – teaching students in an age appropriate way the symptoms of COVID-19 and when to tell a staff member they feel unwell.