

New Changes to the COVID-19 School Screening Tool for Children

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to let you know that earlier today (October 1, 2020), **the Ontario government released changes to the COVID-19 School Screening Tool** used to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children.

The guidelines continue to evolve as we learn more about COVID-19, how it spreads, and how it affects children and adults in different ways.

The updated screening tool offers a more comprehensive checklist of the type and number of symptoms needed for a child to stay home for a period of time and seek medical advice.

Please note that the COVID-19 School Screening Tool is not to be used as a clinical assessment or intended to take the place of medical advice; a diagnosis or treatment.

The online COVID-19 Screening Tool will be updated soon to include these new revisions.

In the meantime, you are asked to keep screening your children for COVID-19 each day using the updated guidelines in the link below:

[October 1st Update – COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children](#)

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and families is our highest priority, and we will continue to take direction from the Ministry of Education and Halton Region Public Health to ensure all protocols are in place and followed in each of our schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to keep our school communities healthy and safe for all.

Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB)