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To All JMSA Families:

The Ontario government has made changes to the provincial online school screening tool. Please take note of the new guidelines below that JMSA School must follow, as per Ministry of Education direction.

**The main changes include:**

- 1. The conditions which must be met before a student can return to school, and**
  - 2. Symptoms of household members now exclude students from attending school**
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1. All students must continue to screen for symptoms of illness every day before coming to school. Students with **any new or worsening symptom** of COVID-19, even those with **only one symptom**, must stay home until:
  - They receive a **negative COVID-19 test** result.
  - They receive an **alternative diagnosis** by a health care professional, or
  - It has been **10 days** since their symptom onset and they are feeling better.
2. Students are required to stay home from school **if anyone in their household** has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19.

All household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to quarantine until the symptomatic individual:

- receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or
- receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional

If the symptomatic individual tests positive, or is not tested and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional, all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.



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As a reminder, the following symptoms, whether presented by the student or other member of the household, will exclude your child from attending school:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough or barking cough (croup)
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
- Headache
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches/not feeling well
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Runny nose or stuffy/congested nose

Any individual that does not pass this screening will be asked to return home and self-isolate until they meet the criteria for return. The final decision will be that of the school if there is a question of a child's health at school.

Thank you for your support in ensuring a safe school environment for all.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Roberts-Santarossa".

Brenda Roberts-Santarossa  
Principal  
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