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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

As you have heard in the news, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore announced a number of changes to COVID-19 guidance.

These changes will not yet apply to Section 68 Hospital School Authorities. As John McGivney School Authority is physically located inside John McGivney Children's Centre, we will follow the Centre's lead and continue supporting most of our current Covid-19 protocols. At this time, this includes:

- Staff wearing **masks** and **eye protection inside** the building
- Staff wearing **masks with children when outside on school premises**
- Frequent **hand washing**
- **Classroom cohorting**
- Enhanced **cleaning** and **disinfection** of all high use surfaces
- The use of **HEPA filter units** in all classrooms

Staff and students should continue to self-screen every day before attending school using the COVID-19 school and child care screening tool, **CLICK HERE FOR LINK** . Please find a hardcopy attached. As in the past if your child is sick or has any new or worsening symptoms of illness, they should stay home until their symptoms are improving for 24 hours.

We feel it is prudent to continue these protocols for a minimum of two weeks following the March Break. Parents/Guardians will be notified in advance of any changes to the COVID protocols.

As Dr. Moore indicated in his remarks, March 11 is a National Day of Observance to commemorate the people who lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all felt because of COVID-19. We hope you will remember to keep those people in your thoughts.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping us support safe learning.

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