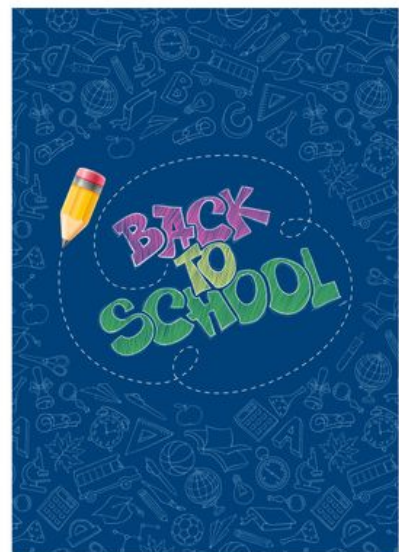




John McGivney School Authority Parent Guide for School Reopening September, 2020



John McGivney School Authority (JMSA)
Parent Information Guide for School Reopening
2020-2021

This parent information document was created to provide JMSA parents with information to date on school reopening in September, 2020.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

As indicated by the Ministry of Education, attendance for the 2020-2021 school year may be in school or through remote virtual learning. Families will determine the best option for their child.

Parent/Guardian COVID Forms for Signature

- To better protect your child from acquiring Covid-19, we are requesting that all parents/guardians read and acknowledge awareness of the possible risk Covid-19 presents, and the strategies and practices JMSA School will implement to reduce this risk. **Please read and sign the attached Parent COVID Attestation Form. Please return the signed form to school with your child on the first day of school.** If you have any questions regarding this waiver please contact me. My email address is brenda.santarossa@jmccsa.com.
- In July, all families were asked to consult with their child's medical practitioner regarding a safe plan to return to school. **Please read and sign the attached Documentation of Medical Consultation form. Please return the signed form to school with your child on the first day of school.**

Covid-19 Screening: School Entry and Exit

Parents/guardians must assess their child **daily** before sending the child to school using the Student Covid Screening Assessment (attached).

Bussing will be provided by the School Authority. Please note:

- All bus drivers, bus riders and nurses who ride the bus will be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), as determined by Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) .

- There will be a maximum of three students per bus, so significant distancing is taken into consideration.
- When unloading or loading the bus at school, we will unload one child per bus at a time and we will use social distancing in the bus area at arrival and dismissal.
- Children will enter the school with a staff member (from their class) one at a time and go to the Screening area. **We will take each child's temperature in the screening area (school foyer).**
- If a child does present with a fever or any other Covid-19 symptom we will be sending that child home immediately. **If your child is sick please do not send them to school.**

Parent/Guardian Drop Off and Pick Up

If your child is being dropped off at school or being picked up during school busing times (8:40 to 9:00 a.m. or 3:00-3:10 p.m.) please park in the reserved parent parking spaces. Please **remain** in your vehicle until a staff member comes to the vehicle to take your child into school. If you are picking up your child after school please remain in your vehicle until a staff member is able to come to your vehicle. **If you intend on driving your child to school and picking your child up after school, please let the office know.**

If you are picking up or dropping off your child outside of designated busing times, **please call Mrs. Pace in the school office at 519 977 2200 when you arrive.** We will arrange for pick up/drop off outside the school building.

For student and staff safety, we are required to minimize the number of individuals who enter the school. As such, we are requesting that parents/guardians do not enter the school unless it is essential. All essential visitors to the school must be screened for COVID. This includes having their temperature checked. Face masks must be worn by all visitors.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Your child will interact only with children in his/her classroom cohort; no mixing of cohorts is permitted to reduce the risk of infection. Only certain staff will be allowed to work with your child.
- Students and staff will practice handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer frequently and at designated times during the school day.

- While your child is at school, all adults in the classroom will wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This will include face masks and face shields if social distancing cannot be maintained. It will also include disposable gloves and gowns as needed.
- If you feel that your child is able to wear a mask/face shield, please send the mask to school and let the classroom team know what your expectations are while in the school/classroom.
- We will practice social distancing within classrooms to the best of our ability. With space constrictions and young children, it will not always be possible to maintain social distancing.
- We have removed carpets from classrooms and have purchased movable panels to help when social distancing is a challenge. Nonessential classroom furniture has been removed.
- Extra cleaning and disinfecting protocols have been implemented, including extra cleaning and disinfecting of all high touch surfaces.
- Your child's belongings will be kept separate from the other children in his/her classroom. We are requesting that you send minimal belongings to school with your child (e.g.) a lunch box that is packed in your child's backpack. No personal toys or books are allowed at this time. All items in the backpack will be sent home at the end of the school day.
- We are not permitted to use microwaves at this time. Class mini fridges may only be used for student medication or g-tube supplies. Please use ice packs or thermos containers as needed for your child's lunch.
- We will be providing a separate bin that will contain your child's required learning materials while with us during the school day. These will not be shared with other children.
- Each class will be using an outdoor classroom patio space adjacent to the classroom. Please do not send in sunscreen. We are requesting that if your child needs sunscreen, please apply it prior to coming to school. As the weather changes ensure that your child is dressed appropriate for outdoor play.
- If your child becomes sick at school, they will be taken to an isolation room and we will be calling home/work requesting that you pick up your child.

SCHOOL REOPENING MODEL

Adapted Return Model

Due to the many new protocols and procedures being incorporated within the school day, it has been determined that the JMSA will open more slowly to maximize safety for children and staff. Classes will begin on **September 10th, 2020** using an adapted/staggered reopening model.

- Parent Interviews will be held on **September 8th and 9th** (virtual for returning students, in school for new students) to ensure that school staff have current information, especially pertaining to student health and needs.
- An adapted/ staggered return is based on a reduced number of children (maximum of 3 children per classroom) attending each day. These smaller groups are called cohorts. You have been notified of your child's assigned cohort (A or B). Children choosing virtual learning for September are in Cohort C for September.
- A staggered return with a small number of children attending each day is essential for maximizing students and staff capacity to adjust to the extensive range of new protocols, procedures, and PPE needed to reduce COVID 19 risks to students and staff.
- All children will have access to virtual learning on the days that their cohort is not in school.
- The staggered model will continue from **September 10th through September 25th**.
- In consultation with Public Health, a determination will be made to determine if the JMSA will move to a regular school day by **September 28th**. An example of a cohort schedule is below:

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In class	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
Online or	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort A

Learning Materials Sent Home					
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Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In Class	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort A
Online or Learning Materials Sent Home	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B

Regular School Day with Enhanced Health Protocols Model

A regular school day would have all children back in their regular classroom environment with continued enhanced health protocols.

Virtual Learning from Home Model

- Virtual learning is available for families in September 2020 and will continue during the course of the school year as required. **JMSA families who chose virtual learning for the month of September must make a determination prior to September 28th as to whether they wish to have their child return to school or continue with virtual learning until after the December holiday break.**
- If we are directed by the MOE to close schools during the school year again, the JMSA is prepared to virtually teach all children from home. Teachers and Support Staff will be teaching and providing support online, consistent with directives from the Ministry of Education. Technology will be provided to your child if needed.



**APPENDIX A:
Documentation of Medical
Consultation**

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T: 519.977.2200
F: 519.977.2201
<http://school.jmccentre.ca>

**Parent/Guardian Parent Verification of Medical Consultation - John McGivney School
Authority (JMSA)**

This form is to be completed for all JMSA students prior to school entry in September, 2020.

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (child's name). I hereby verify that I have consulted with my child's medical practitioner during the summer of 2020, regarding the safety of a return to school for my child, given my child's unique health circumstances and risks associated with COVID-19.

Based on consultation with my child's medical practitioner:

___ It has been determined that my child will be attending school in September and will be participating in classroom learning activities at JMSA School.

___ It has been determined that my child will not be attending school in September and will not be participating in classroom learning activities at JMSA School.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments



APPENDIX B: Parent COVID Attestation

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Parent/Guardian Covid Attestation

Dear Parent/Guardian;

We are requesting your review and signature acknowledging the factors involved in the spread of COVID-19, and that JMSA School will implement strategies and practices **to reduce but not eliminate the risk of COVID-19.**

COVID-19 spreads from person to person most commonly through respiratory droplets (e.g) generated by coughing, sneezing, laughing singing or talking, during close (i.e. within 2m) or prolonged (i.e. lasting more than 15 minutes and may be cumulative) interactions. COVID-19 can be spread by infected individuals who have mild symptoms or who have not yet or who may never develop symptoms. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands. **COVID-19 can cause more severe illness among people who have compromised immune systems or other underlying medical conditions.**

The risk of COVID-19 can be reduced but not eliminated by implementing and practicing preventive strategies. These include:

- Social distancing where physically possible;
- Use of physical barriers;
- Screening of students' temperature upon school entry and as needed;
- Daily self screening of staff for symptoms;
- Practicing frequent hand hygiene (student and staff);
- Use of classroom cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including the cleaning/disinfecting of high touch surfaces a minimum of 2x daily;
- Staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks;
- Strategies to minimize sharing of school materials/resources;
- Decreasing the number of student social interactions (cohorting each class).

We will be practicing preventive practices at JMSA School to the best of our ability. It is important that parents/guardians understand:

- **The physical space limitations in the school environment will not permit social distancing between students at all times.**
- **Due to the young age and developmental level of many students, children may have difficulty understanding and practicing social distancing and refraining from sharing toys/resources.**

We are requesting that you acknowledge that you are aware of the preventive strategies practices being implemented by JMSA School, as well of the remaining risks associated with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

B. Roberts-Santarossa

Brenda Roberts-Santarossa
Principal

I _____, parent/guardian of _____
(student name) have read and understood this letter.

Parent Signature

Date

COVID-19 school and child care screening

Version 4: February 24, 2021

Students and children must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school or child care. Parents/guardians can fill this out on behalf of a child.

Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____

Screening Questions

1. **In the last 14 days, has the student/child travelled outside of Canada?** Yes No
If exempt from quarantine requirements (for example, an essential worker who crosses the Canada-US border regularly for work), select "No."
2. **Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that the student/child should currently be isolating (staying at home)?** Yes No
This can be because of an outbreak or contact tracing.
3. **In the last 14 days, has the student/child been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19?** Yes No
4. **In the last 14 days, has the student/child received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone?** Yes No
If they already went for a test and got a negative result, select "No."
5. **Is the student/child currently experiencing any of these symptoms?**
Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or conditions they already have.

Fever and/or chills Yes No
Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher

Cough or barking cough (croup) Yes No
Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Shortness of breath Yes No
Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Decrease or loss of taste or smell Yes No
Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Sore throat or difficulty swallowing Yes No
Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Runny or stuffy/congested nose Yes No
Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Headache Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions they already have)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions they already have	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Extreme tiredness or muscle aches Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury, or other known causes or conditions they already have)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Is someone that the student/child lives with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Results of Screening Questions



If you answered “YES” to question 1 or 3 do not go to school or child care.

- The student/child must self-isolate (stay home) for 14 days and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- If you answered **“YES” to question 1**, follow the advice of public health. The student/child can return to school/child care after they are cleared by your local public health unit.
 - Siblings or other people in your household must self-isolate (stay home) for 14 days.
- If you answered **“YES” to question 3**, talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if they need a COVID-19 test. The student/child can return to school/child care after 14 days, even if they get a negative test result.
 - If you live in certain areas of the province, like Toronto, siblings and other people in your household must stay at home. This is because of local risk factors.
 - If you live in other areas of Ontario, siblings and other people in your household can go to school, child care or work, but must not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Ask your school/child care for more information.
- If they develop symptoms or test positive, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- Contact your school/child care provider to let them know about this result.



If you answered “YES” to question 2 do not go to school or child care.

- The student/child must self-isolate (stay home) and not leave except for a medical emergency.
- Follow the advice of public health. The student/child can return to school/child care after they are cleared by your local public health unit.
- If they develop symptoms, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- If you live in certain areas of the province, like Toronto, siblings and other people in your household must stay at home. This is because of local risk factors.
- If you live in other areas of Ontario, siblings and other people in your household can go to school, child care or work, but must not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Ask your school/child care for more information.
- Contact your school/child care provider to let them know about this result.



If you answered “YES” to question 4 do not go to school or child care.

- The student/child must self-isolate (stay home) and not leave except for a medical emergency.
- Visit an assessment centre to get them a COVID-19 test.
 - If they test negative (they do not have the virus), they can return to school/child care.
 - If they test positive (they have the virus), they can return only after they are cleared by your local public health unit.
- If they develop symptoms, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- Siblings or other people in your household can go to school, child care or work, but must not leave the home for other, non-essential reasons until the individual who got the COVID alert tests negative, or is cleared by your local public health unit.
- Contact your school/child care provider to let them know about this result



If you answered “YES” to any of the symptoms included under question 5 or question 6 do not go to school or child care.

- The student/child must isolate (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- If you answered “YES” to question 5, talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if the student/child need a COVID-19 test.
- If you answered “YES” to question 6, the student/child can return to school or child care after the individual gets a negative COVID-19 test result, or is cleared by your local public health unit, or is diagnosed with another illness.
- Siblings or other people in your household must stay at home until the student/child showing symptoms or individual tests negative, or is cleared by your public health unit, or is diagnosed with another illness.
- Contact your school/child care provider to let them know about this result.



If you answered “NO” to all questions, your child may go to school/child care because they seem to be healthy and have not been exposed to COVID-19. Follow your school/child care provider’s established process for letting staff know about this result (if applicable).

Public Health Ontario – Contact Tracing

Answering these questions is optional. This information will only be used by Public Health officials for contact tracing. All information will be deleted in 28 days.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____