



Friday, April 8, 2022

Dear Dundas Families,

Covid Case Communication

As you have now seen, COVID-19 notification letters will continue for the remainder of this school year. In order to provide a more comprehensive picture of our school community, these letters will be shared with the entire school community and include all impacted classes in the school. Any cases reported over the weekend will be included in Monday's report.

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 on a rapid or PCR test, we appreciate you sharing this information with the office so that we can add the case to our notification letter.

Those with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will only return to school after the [period of self-isolation](#) required by Public Health. Should you have any questions, please contact the school or visit the [TPH website](#) for general information. For general questions, please call the TPH COVID-19 Hotline at 416-338-7600, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, or the Provincial Testing and Isolation Guidance line 1-888-777-0730, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday to Sunday to speak with an agent. If you need immediate assistance, please call Telehealth Ontario 24 hours a day at 1-866-797-0000.

Mssking

As you know, mask wearing is now optional but strongly encouraged. There are some scenarios where mask wearing is mandated, as directed by Toronto Public Health. This includes days 6-10 after a self-isolation period of five days after a COVID-19 diagnosis, if you are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and in public spaces, including schools and childcares, for the first 14 days following travel outside of Canada. We thank you for showing respect for others and their individual choices based on their own assessment of risk, as well as following these directions.

A reminder that the [health screening](#) should be done at home before coming to school. Guidance regarding isolation times and testing requirements can be found on the screening. A daily signature is no longer required.

Arriving on Time to School

We are noticing a significant increase in the number of students arriving late to school over the past couple of weeks. As many as 45 students are arriving late some mornings. We are asking that families and students please allow extra time in the morning and make every effort to arrive on time. It is important for our students' learning and routines that they are present for the beginning of class.

Our main office is very busy in the morning. Our attendance system has changed this year, in order to process the late arrivals safely and correctly, parents may need to wait until our office staff are able to take the appropriate steps to document the late arrivals. Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding.

International Day of Pink – Wednesday, April 13, 2022

International Day of Pink is honoured every year at the Toronto District School Board in support of creating a more inclusive and diverse world by encouraging young people to challenge social norms, ask more of their educators and stand up against bullying towards their 2SLGBTQIA+ peers.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday, April 13, in celebration of this important day and the Board's work to create and maintain safe and inclusive spaces in which to learn and work.

Dundas Dragonwear! Spring and Summer Styles Available

Dundas Dragonwear is available to purchase online at <https://dundaspublicschool.entripyshops.com/> There is a wide selection of styles and sizes and purchases are made online and are shipped directly to your home. Ten percent of the revenue comes back to the school and will support our technology and Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy initiatives. We also hope that Dragonwear will create a sense of school spirit and community for our students. Check out our [DPS Dragonwear](#) shop here and show your support!



ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration is now open. Programs are offered to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 29, 2022. For more information and to register, please visit the [Elementary Summer School program page](#)

Virtual Community Fair by TDSB Social Workers

The TDSB Social Workers attached to our Congregated sites are holding our sixth Virtual Community Fair for Families who have children with special needs. This is the first in a two-part series in April and May, where we will focus on Respite and summer camp programs for children, youth, and adults with special needs.

This Community Fair is open to all families and students with Special Needs attending our Intensive Support Programs (ISP) in schools across the TDSB, as well as students in our Congregated Schools.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, April 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm, and the second session will be held in the evening on Wednesday, April 20th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. Please read the [attached flyer](#) for further details.

Along with TDSB support staff, we will have Respite Services, Toronto Parks and Recreation, Community Living Toronto, Holland Bloorview, and other programs presenting.

Topic: Let's Talk about Respite Programs and summer camps

Guests: Respite Services, Community Living Toronto, Holland Bloorview, Toronto Parks and Recreation, Geneva Centre, and others

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2022, from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

Meeting ID: 983 6737 8226

Passcode: 969515

Toronto Public Health/MGH Covid Clinics

For information about TPH vaccine clinics for children:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-children-vaccines/>.

MGH COVID-19 Outreach Centres

- **COVID-19 Outreach Centres continue to offer walk-in PCR tests, vaccines and other supports.**
- See locations and upcoming hours of all COVID-19 Outreach Centres: tehn.ca/CovidOutreachCentres
- [Download flyers for our COVID-19 Outreach Centres with April hours and services.](#)

COVID-19 vaccines for eligible individuals: tehn.ca/VaccineClinics

Appointments continue to be accepted at the Thorncliffe Hub clinics. Book an appointment at covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine or call 1-833-943-3900.

Additional clinic options from our partners

- Toronto Public Health also operates pop-up vaccine clinics in East Toronto that are open to eligible individuals by walk-in. [See all upcoming vaccine clinics operated by TPH.](#)
- [Click here for April Toronto Public Health vaccine clinic flyers.](#)

Upcoming Dates

Please visit our [school calendar](#)

April 13 International Day of Pink (students encouraged to wear pink)

April 15 - Good Friday- **No School**

April 18 - Easter Monday - **No School**

Wishing you all well,

Georgia Chatzis-Principal

Lee-Anne Maier - Vice Principal