

We all have a role to play in preventing the further spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Throughout the pandemic, the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has worked closely with, and taken advice from, the health authorities at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) on all matters related to COVID-19. The SCDSB has consulted with the SMDHU to ensure that proper and effective health and safety precautions are in place to continue to keep students and staff safe now that we have returned to in-person learning. The following are some important health and safety reminders.

Masking:

- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are required to wear masks.
- Families are encouraged to provide cloth masks for their children that cover the nose and mouth. The SCDSB will provide cloth masks to students who do not have them.
- Students are required to wear a mask outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are required to wear masks while taking school transportation.

Daily self-screening:

- All students are required to complete the [COVID-19 student screening tool](#) prior to attending school each day.
- Secondary school students will also be required to confirm with their teacher that the COVID-19 student screening tool has been completed at the beginning of each day.
- Students with symptoms must stay home.

Physical distancing:

- Directional arrows and signage exist in schools to support physical distancing measures.
- Schools have designated entry and exit doors and staggered entry and exit times.

- Acrylic shielding has been installed in school offices.
- Students are not to congregate before school and are asked to return directly home after school.
- Students are discouraged from carpooling unless all health and safety measures can be adhered to (e.g. masking).

Hand hygiene:

- Hand sanitizer is provided at the entry and exit points of the school building.
- Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom for student use.
- Students will continue to receive training on proper hand hygiene, including instructions on [hand washing and sanitizing](#).

Well-being:

- Well-being continues to be an important focus at the SCDSB.
- Information and resources to support mental health and well-being are available on the [SCDSB website](#).
- Students are encouraged to maintain well-being by eating well, getting a good night's sleep, being active, taking time to relax, having fun and doing something that makes them feel happy each day.