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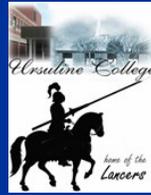
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Georges P. Vanier Catholic School



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Georges P. Vanier! Each month a newsletter will come out to update you with important information. To save paper all future newsletters will be sent through Edsby and CASL. This newsletter contains important information around new protocols.

The staff and I will provide the very best educational instruction and opportunity for your child. It is the aim of our school to provide students with a true Catholic education which will assist the children in developing their social, moral, physical, emotional and intellectual needs. As we have not been at the school for in-school learning for six months we are aware of the anxieties and worries both parents and students have. We will work very hard throughout the year to build relationships with your child but more importantly create a safe and happy environment. Things will look different and be different this year but together the Georges P. Vanier staff and I are committed to having it be successful and memorable. Please see the student covid assessment in this newsletter that must be completed on a daily basis for all students.

Working together, the home, and the school can form an effective team. This is going to be a very positive and exciting year!

N. Stevens nicole.stevens@st-clair.net

Our Daily Schedule

Students in classes gr. 4/5—8

	Entrance Bell	8:30 am
	Morning Activity Break	10:10 am —10:30am
	Outside Break	11:20am —11:45 am
	Lunch Break	11:45am —12:10pm
	Afternoon Activity Break	1:50 pm—2:10 pm
	End of Day Bell	3:00 pm

Students in classes FDK to gr. 3/4

Entrance Bell	8:30 am
Morning Activity Break	9:45am —10:05am
Lunch Break	11:20am —11:45 am
Outside Break	11:45 am—12:10 pm
Afternoon Activity Break	1:50 pm—2:10 pm
End of Day Bell	3:00 pm

VERY IMPORTANT—CASL EMAIL and EDSBY Info

CASL—if you are not getting newsletters or group emails - Please follow these instruction. Go to the st-clair.net website and select the parent drop down. There is an option for CASL. If you click on the link, you can enter your name and email address. It must match the one you provided for Trillium. Once you grant permission, the office should see the status change in the CASL report we use to send CASL emails.

EDSBY— Some parents may not have registered for EDSBY in the fall when the invite went out. If you need assistance or another invite. Please contact Mrs. Suitor so that she can resend out invites and instructions on how to join.

Georges P. Vanier Staff for 2020-2021

FDK	Mrs. Heather Griffioen, Mrs. Jen Chickowski, ECE
Grade SK/One	Mrs. Lindsay Chambers
Grade One/Two	Mrs. Bette-Jo Caron
Grade Two/Three	Mrs. Stephanie Zondervan
Grade Three/Four	Mrs. Jillian Watterworth
Grade Four/Five	Mrs. Andrea Keating
Grade Five/Six	Mrs. Melissa Schneikart
Grade Six/Seven	Mr. Cory Baillargeon
Grade Seven/Eight	Mr. Adam Jones
Grade Seven/Eight	Mrs. Cathy Bechard



French Teacher—Mme Caron, Mme Kaniecki	French & Phys. Ed. Mr. Chris McCarthy
Resource Teacher—Mrs. D. Postma	Educational Assistants: Mrs. April Matteis, Miss. Jenna Spence
Mrs. Christine DeVito, Mrs. Judy Flanagan, Mrs. Barb Caron and Mrs. Jennifer Melillo	
School Secretary—Mrs. T. Sutor	Custodian Mr. J. Robert
Principal—Ms. N. Stevens	

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)

Canada's Anti-Spam legislation (CASL) prohibits us from sending you electronic messages of a commercial nature without your expressed consent. Commercial messages could include important information to parents and guardians about a broad range of activities, including but not limited to fundraising events, yearbook sales, sale of student photos, and newsletters that contain commercial information.

<http://www.st-clair.net/canadian-anti-spam-legislation.aspx>

By using this link and completing this online form, you are giving your consent to receive electronic messages from the school, the Parent School Council and/or the St. Clair Catholic District School Board (SCCDSB) that may include information of a commercial nature.

Please note that the SCCDSB will not share your email address with any other organization. You may withdraw your consent at any time by completing an online form located at the above link.

Georges P. Vanier School Important Notes

Adverse Weather

The closing of the school due to dangerous weather conditions will be announced on CFCO and CKSY Radio by 6:30a.m. Our school is located in ZONE 8. If classes are cancelled students are not to be sent to school. If the buses are to take the students home early the school will endeavor to contact parents by phone. It is very important that our school records are kept up to date at all times. If the buses are cancelled due to severe weather, there will be no a.m. or p.m. run. However, if buses are cancelled due to fog there will be a p.m. run.

Dress Code

In the past we have had a few concerns with the dress code of our students. It is the policy of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board that students adhere to the following guidelines in regards to dress:

- A) Students shall be dressed in a neat and respectful manner
- B) Students in all grades are allowed to wear shorts but no cut off shorts will be permitted. Hands at the side are the length needed. No short shorts.
- C) Students will not be allowed to wear clothing with inappropriate slogans or pictures on them. (inappropriate meaning anything implying smoking, drugs, sex, profanity, violence or other undesirable values)
- D) Students will not be allowed to wear bare midriff tops or halter tops. (No undergarments should be showing)



Health Canada Advisory Regarding Drawstrings for Children's Upper Outerwear

Health Canada advises that some children's clothing products can pose a danger. The products listed as potential hazards for children include upper outerwear in sizes newborn to 12 years that have drawstrings in the hood and neck area.

"Children's upper outerwear" means upper body clothing, such as jackets and sweatshirts, generally intended to be worn over clothing. Drawstrings on these garments can become caught on playground equipment, fences or other objects and result in strangulation; or, in the case of a vehicle, a child being dragged. Parents should ensure that purchases of children's clothing have alternative closures to drawstrings, including elastics, buttons, velcro or snaps.

Attendance and Safe Arrival

Poor school attendance and arriving late **for class will result in poor school progress and anxiety.** If your child is to be absent, in the interest of safety, please call and leave a message at Georges P.

Vanier 519-354-6550 before 8:00 am. Our school secretary will phone the parents of students whose absence is not reported. A pupil who arrives after the 8:30 bell is considered late and are asked to report to the office before heading to class.

If your child is sick and unable to complete the day to day requirements of school including going outside for recess, please keep them home until they are able or contact the teacher.



Breakfast Club

The date for our Breakfast club will be announced. This year as always students will need permission (understanding allergies and restrictions) but breakfast club will be a grab and go format. Items may include yogurt, muffin, cheese string etc. Students will take an item on the way to class after 8:15.

More information will follow.

Keeping OUR SCHOOLS SAFE



The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has installed remotely controlled door locking systems, and intercoms, at all elementary schools.

With all protocols being put in place—we need parents to reach out to the school with a phone call. Parents and visitors are required to identify themselves at the door, and complete the COVID self assessment then sign in at the foyer table. All visitors must wear a medical mask when they enter the building. It is important to note that there may be times when our school secretary will be away from her desk for a moment and visitors may have to wait.

Alternatively, parents and visitors should consider the following:

- * Let us know if you want to pick your child up so that we can arrange to have him/her ready for you. Ideally, send a note to your child's teacher. We will have them ready.
- * Students who leave during the day will only be invited back when they are accompanied by a parent who has completed another COVID self assessment (attached at the end of the newsletter).
- * Most parent meetings will happen virtually to help eliminate extra people in our school.

PARKING

As you may have noticed, we have put out pylons in the parking lot and you have had to use the few spots in the front or surrounding streets. The safety of our students is paramount at all times. In the past parking along the school has led to much congestion and safety is a concern. Throughout the year, please continue to ONLY use those spots at the front and the streets. The wheelchair accessible spots are only for use with a government handicap sticker.

Responsible Use of TECHNOLOGY

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board's policy addressing expectations for the acceptable use of technology was updated in April 2013. The policy applies to all trustees, administrators, academic and support staff, students, parents, volunteers, visitors and other persons in relation to Board computer equipment, networks as well as personal devices while on Board property or in relation to Board business or Board -related activities. To review the policy and procedures document go to

<http://www.st-clair.net/policies.aspx> and click on *Responsible Use of Technology* under Administration.



NO CELL PHONES will be allowed outside or during recess/ lunch breaks. Phones will be allowed for educational purposes and only out at the discretion of the teacher. Parents wanting to contact their children are encouraged to do this the old fashion way—call the school and leave a message. Students who are found having their phones out without teacher permission—will then have their phones sit in the office until the end of the day. On the third warning, parents will need to come in and get the phone.

Consent for Release of Student Information

In April 2017, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board adopted a new Social Media and Electronic Communications policy and procedures. The new policy can be found on the Board website at <http://www.st-clair.net/policies.aspx> Look under Section B – Administration.

The new policy has required a new consent form for release of student photographs, videos, classroom work, etc. for various publications, including Board websites or social media sites, school yearbooks, newspapers, television and radio newscasts. You will receive a new consent form this year from the school if you are new to the building. Please sign the form and return it to the school, either granting or withholding consent.

Soy-Based Peanut Butter Substitutes

No peanut or tree nut products in the school.

It is the practice of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board not to permit soy-based peanut butter substitutes in schools, where students are known to have peanut butter allergies. This is a position which has been reviewed with the Medical Officers of Health for Lambton County and Chatham-Kent, and which they support. The Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) also supports the Board's position.

The difficulty is this. Although the product itself is perfectly safe, it mimics another product which is deadly for students who are anaphylactic to peanuts. The substitute looks, smells, spreads and tastes like peanut butter (eg. WOW Butter). It's packaged like peanut butter; and, it's sold on grocery store shelves in the peanut butter aisle. Once it's out of the jar, you can't tell the real thing from the substitute and that's what makes it so dangerous for students with nut allergies.

Therefore, St. Clair Catholic will err on the side of caution. In school communities where anaphylaxis to peanut products is an issue and soy-based peanut butter replacements are coming into the school, parents should be advised that the substitutes are not acceptable food items. Parents should also be advised that if the product is sent to school, the child will be provided with a healthy alternative or asked to eat in a location that will ensure there will be no contact with students who are allergic. Parents of students who bring soy-based peanut butter substitutes to school should be reminded of the reasons why it is not an acceptable food item and asked to seek an alternative.



In our Catholic school communities, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the well-being of all of us. We look out for each other. A danger to even one child is a threat that we must all take seriously. Sometimes that means sacrificing what we may perceive as our right in order to meet the needs of another. In instances where a child's life may be at risk, the choice is simple.

Scent Awareness

Recently, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board, in collaboration with our Joint Health & Safety Committee, developed a Scent Awareness Procedural Guideline, to guide staff, students and volunteers in this important area of wellbeing.

Fragrance can have a strong impact on the health and productivity of some individuals. Exposure to strong scents and fragrances in the environment can cause a range of effects, from mild discomfort to triggering an asthma attack, which directly impacts the health of those individuals. The purpose of the new procedural guideline is to promote an environment which supports teaching and learning for all staff, students, volunteers and visitors to our buildings. To that end, the guideline directs individuals to refrain from wearing or using scented products on Board premises and during Board-sanctioned activities.

Scented products include but are not limited to:

Personal hygiene products (e.g., shampoo, conditioner, hairsprays, deodorants, colognes, after-shaves, fragrances, perfumes, lotions, soaps, cosmetics and creams);

Industrial and household chemicals and cleaners;

Air fresheners (e.g., deodorizers, potpourri, oils and candles)

The Board has worked with the public health units in the development of these new procedural guidelines, which have in recent years become common in public spaces. Signage is posted in all St. Clair Catholic buildings.

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation, as together we work to keep as a top priority the health and wellbeing of our staff, students and visitors to our buildings.



Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

To Parents, Guardians and Caregivers of students in the St. Clair Catholic District School Board

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice Principal, police and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations.

Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the St. Clair Catholic District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

Classroom Organization

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer, staff at the Catholic Education Centre and in our schools began the work of organizing classrooms for September. As parents/guardians, it is important that you understand and support the role of the principal and Board staff as it relates to classroom organization in your school.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education regulates the number of students in classrooms. In elementary schools, class-size caps are set by provincial directive for individual grades; and for a system-wide average that must be maintained across the entire school board. Therefore, the number of classrooms, grades associated with each classroom and the number of students in each classroom in your school must always be viewed from a Board perspective, not just at the school level. It is also important to note that provincial funding is tied to compliance with this regulation. In other words, if we don't meet the Ministry requirements there is a financial penalty which will affect the support provided to our students.

The result of this directive is that combined grades are common in all schools across the province as a means of ensuring that boards are compliant with the provincial regulation. A common perception among parents is that combined grades are detrimental to learning; or, that they are a reflection of students' abilities – that is, in a Grade 2-3 split, the Grade 2s are above average learners and the Grade 3s are below average. The fact is all classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

In addition, a great deal of time and effort goes into decisions at all of our schools, as our staff strives to create a classroom environment that supports the needs of all of all students. These decisions are ultimately made by the principal, in consultation with Board administration and student support staff.

Changes in classroom organization that are created when students move in or out of the school boundary, or by changing student needs from June to the first weeks in September, can create a domino effect that could result in changes to classrooms, which can sometimes impact every grade in the school. Even changes at another school can affect the classroom organization at your school.

It is the Board's goal to make every effort to accommodate these changes with as little disruption as possible. Students changing classrooms are always given a warm welcome by their new teacher and classmates.

Thank you again, for understanding and supporting the efforts of your principal and the school staff, in this important matter. It is our commitment to you that, although we must always strive to meet this provincial regulation, we will do so at all times having regard for the best interests of our students and our staff.

Welcome back ... and I hope you and your family have a great year!

Sincerely,

Deb Crawford
Director of Education

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes

Welcome Back



The Pastoral Staff of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes welcomes back all students, staff and families to an unprecedented beginning of a new school year.

Fr. Peter Amszje will be leaving our family to take a year of discernment with the Capuchin Fathers in London. He will also serve at St. Peter's Basilica. We thank him for all he has done for our parish family and promise to pray for his discernment.

We welcome two new priests to our family- Fr. Olivet Okoro and Fr. Stan Izdebski who will join Fr. Jim Higgins and Fr. Jude Ogbenna to serve God's people in the city of Chatham.

Confirmation 2020-2021

Due to the current pandemic restrictions, the Sacrament of Confirmation for grade 8 students and the preparation for this sacrament will be delayed until after Christmas. We will hopefully be able to start our preparation in early

January. Watch for more information in our parish bulletin and on our website www.ccfp.dol.ca

First Holy Communion 2020

Our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes give thanks to God for 101 children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, Aug. 30th and every Sunday during the month of September at Blessed Sacrament Church. We thank our volunteer catechists, Mrs. Forster, Miss Haggeman and Mrs. Koehler as well as all the parents and teachers for their dedication and assistance in helping to prepare these children to receive Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2020-2021

The preparation of all Sacraments are part of the life of our parish family. They are not a school event but a parish celebration. However our pastoral team work closely with our parish schools in the faith journey of your children.

Registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes are now being accepted. To be eligible:

- children must be 7 yrs. old or older (grade 2 and up)
- must be baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith
- attend one of our Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes (Blessed Sacrament, St. Agnes, Our Lady of Victory, St. Joseph, St. Ursula)
- participate in a time of sacramental preparation for both parent and child

Registration forms can be accessed on the parish website (www.ccfp.ca) or by contacting Ali Chinnick (achinnick@dol.ca) They will also be sent to the grade two teachers to be sent to all parents who are interested

Please submit by email to Ali Chinnick or drop off in the mailbox at St. Agnes Office, 52 Croydon St., Chatham, ON., N7L1L3



Registrations are due by September 25th, 2020

Revised Mass and Confession Times

At this time, weekend Mass times have been revised as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Blessed Sacrament Church
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday, St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Blessed Sacrament Church (also live-streamed at www.ccfp.dol.ca)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday, St. Ursula Church
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday, St. Agnes Church
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Our Lady of Victory Church (Polish Mass)

Weekend Confessions -10:00-11:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church

In order to attend Sunday Mass, you must make a reservation by phone (519-352-9483) or online at www.ccfp.dol.ca by Wednesday or Thursday each week. Wearing of masks are mandatory for people over the age of 8.(CK City Bylaw). Seating is limited to 30% capacity of the church.Attendees are required by the medical health officer to answer Covid 19 questions before attending. We have taken strict precautions to keep you safe and well. We know there are many restrictions but we encourage you to come and pray with us at any of our churches. We miss seeing you!

Pastoral Staff

If you need to communicate with any of the pastoral staff, here are their emails:

Pastor ~

Fr. Jim Higgins 519-352-8530 ext 222 ~ jhiggins@dol.ca

Associate Pastor ~ Fr. Jude Ogbenna, C. S. Sp. 519-352-8530 ext 223 ~ jogbenna@dol.ca

Associate Pastor ~Fr. Olivet Okoro, 519-352-8530~ ookoro@dol.ca

Chaplain to OLOV- Fr. Stan Izdebski sizdebski@dol.ca

Pastoral Minister ~ Colleen Keane 519-352-8530 ext 225 ~ ckeane@dol.ca

Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Robert 519-352-9483 ext 27 ~ krobert@dol.ca

Lay Ecclesial Minister~ Ali Chinnick 519-352-9483 ext 26 ~achinnick@dol.ca

Deacon Steve Cartier ~ scartier@dol.ca

Deacon Jerry Lozon ~ jlozon@dol.ca Deacon

Chris Masterson ~ cmasterson@dol.ca Deacon

Morgan Treacy ~ mtreacy@dol.ca



There will be no food days or milk days until further notice. No activities that involve the sharing of food between students will occur. Students will eat their lunch and snacks at their desks.



#September Ready

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board created a document and plan for the safety, health and well-being of all the members of the SCCDSB community. Together with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education various protocols have been put in place to keep everyone safe and informed. All parents are encouraged to read the #September Ready—Return to School Plan found on our website. (www.st-clair.net) The document includes information on request to change learning modules, arrival and dismissal, access to school sites, recess and lunch to name just a few examples.

As well on the website it includes various resources to help keep you informed. Resources include:

[Visit our FAQ Page](#) to stay updated with our plan as more information becomes available.

[Watch Our Return To School Plan Video](#)

[Important Information about Students Wearing Masks](#)

[Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians and Students](#)

Together as informed students, staff and community we will do our best to keep everyone safe. Also included in this newsletter is an insert from the Public Health Unit on when you should keep your kids home. In the school we are teaching the kids about washing hands, proper use of hand sanitizer, how to wear a mask and physical distancing. The students have done an outstanding job and truly want to keep themselves and others safe. Thank you for talking to your children at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office and ask for Mrs. Stevens.

Paying for School Items just got... *Easier!*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment to register for School Cash Online. All of your child's school related fees (field trips, food days, milk, spirit wear, fundraising, etc) will be available online for purchase. Receive email notices, email receipts of payment and a payment history of all purchases.



- ✓ It's Quick, Easy and Safe ...
- ✓ Online shopping with various payment methods
- ✓ Make secure payments 24/7 from anywhere
- ✓ Manage Payments for Each Child in One Program



Step 1:

Visit
<https://sccdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Save this link to your desktop!



Step 2:

Select "Get Started Today" option and follow the steps to register.

For security reasons your password requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and one number.



Step 3:

After you receive a confirmation email, please select "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

- Enter School Name (You DO NOT need your child's student number)
- Enter your Child's Name & Date of Birth
- Confirm you are related to the child, check in the Agree and select Continue

School Cash Online is **EASY, CONVENIENT** and it's **SAFE!**

<https://sccdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

If you have any questions/concerns or difficulties with registering,

please call the school and speak with Mrs. Suitor.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Georges P. Vanier School Council needs your assistance again in electing a new council for the 2020-2021 school year. The council is composed of six - eight parents or guardians, a teacher, one non-teaching staff member, one parish community representative and the school principal. All meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

School councils, together in partnership with the Catholic Church, the home and community, strive to enhance learning opportunities for our students. School Councils provide advice to the principal and where appropriate, to the school board. The Council volunteers their time and service for the benefit of everyone in our school community.

The students are very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who have served on council. The parent or guardian representatives on this council must have children in our school and must be elected by the parents or guardians in our school.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in coming forward to help the students of Georges P. Vanier School!

School Council Election Notes!

How can you be elected? Simply fill out the nomination form below according to the following outline:

Week of September 14th- Nomination forms sent home to all families at Georges P. Vanier School. See below

Friday, September 14th- All nominations must be submitted to the school principal by 12:00 noon.

Monday, September 21st – If an election is necessary, one ballot and envelope will be sent home.

Wednesday, September 23rd – All ballots must be returned by 2:30pm on this day. The results will be tabulated and the candidates will be informed by telephone.

Georges P. Vanier School

School Advisory Council Nomination Form

I wish to nominate (or self-nominate) the following parent candidate for election for the 2019-20 school year. Please Print

Name: _____ Phone # of candidate: _____

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Name of Nominator: _____ Please submit by 12:00 noon on Friday, Sept. 18th, 2020



**Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students
Before Attending School**

Do you, or your child attending school, have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?	Circle One	
	YES	NO
Fever (37.8°C or greater)	YES	NO
New or worsening cough	YES	NO
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	YES	NO
Sore throat	YES	NO
Chills	YES	NO
Difficulty swallowing	YES	NO
Runny nose/nasal congestion (in absence of underlying reason for this such as seasonal allergies, post nasal drip, etc.)	YES	NO
Feeling unwell/fatigued/malaise	YES	NO
Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches	YES	NO
Headache	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
Has your child, or anyone in the child's household, had close contact (face-to-face contact within two metres) with anyone with a respiratory illness or confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
Has your child, or anyone in the child's household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days (excluding travel due to work, or other essential needs that did not require an overnight stay)?	YES	NO

- If you answered **NO** to all questions, your child may attend school.
- If you answered **YES** to any question, **DO NOT** send your child to school at this time. Your child should stay home. Complete the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> to determine if medical care is required and if a COVID-19 test is needed. Your child may return to school as directed by a primary care provider.