

April 30, 2020

Covid-19
Weekly Update for Students and Parents

Dear WQSB students and parents,

Further to the April 28th update regarding the reopening of schools and centres, I am providing additional information below, as we have received further directives and clarification from the Ministry of Education.

- As announced on April 27th, WQSB elementary schools will reopen on May 11th; secondary schools remain closed until the fall.
- Adult Education Centres remain closed. Vocational Education Centres may open for specific training purposes with reduced student numbers (more information will be provided when available).
- Parents of elementary students are asked to advise their respective schools of the following:
 - If their child will be returning to school (this information must be provided by parents by May 4 for a return to school of May 11). Should parents choose to send their child at a later date, the school must receive a minimum of a week's notice.
 - Whether or not their child requires bus transportation (parents are encouraged to provide transportation for their children wherever possible as we are faced with a shortage of available buses)
 - Please note that both parents must agree on whether or not their child returns to school (this applies to situations whereby a child lives with both parents, is in a shared-custody arrangement, or lives only with one parent)
- Each elementary school is in the process of advising parents of the process to provide the required information
- Secondary schools are in the process of advising parents and students of the procedures to pick up materials from schools; please note that the schools are following the guidelines as directed by the Ministry of Education
- Distance enhancement activities continue at both elementary and secondary level as per usual
- Parents are strongly encouraged to work with their children to remind them of the importance of social and physical distancing upon their return to school
- Our school teams are organizing themselves to meet the requirements of social and physical distancing upon the return of students

School-specific questions should be addressed to individual schools. I ask that you please direct all other questions to the following email address: WQQuestions@wqsb.qc.ca Please note that a list of all received questions and concerns along with corresponding answers will be published next week on the WQSB social media platforms.

Sincerely,



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