

January 14, 2022

## Dear LBPSB employees,

On Wednesday evening, the Quebec government confirmed the return to in-person learning for elementary, high school and continuing education students as of January 17<sup>th</sup>. To ensure a safe return for our students and staff, please note the important information below.

Public health officials have informed us that staff members who are adequately vaccinated (2 vaccines) may now isolate for 5 days instead of 10 days, should the following factors be in place:

- Asymptomatic, or no symptoms have appeared after 5 days of isolation.
- If symptoms were present during the first 5 days of isolation, they have since subsided or regressed.
- At least 24 hours have passed without a fever.
- Upon a return to work, individuals must wear a procedural mask AT ALL TIMES (note that the individual cannot eat in common areas, or with other individuals for an additional 5 days upon their return).
- Social distancing of 2 meters must be rigorously respected.

## It is your responsibility to monitor your symptoms and update your supervisor accordingly.

Please note that the isolation period of 10 days will continue to be upheld for any staff member that is **not adequately vaccinated.** 

Continue to notify your immediate supervisor (principal or center director) should you feel that you may need to be tested for COVID-19. Should you test positive, it is your responsibility to notify all individuals that you were in contact with, as soon as possible.

Please note that as of Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>, school board personnel will be added to the list of priority groups who are eligible for PCR tests. For more information regarding how you can book a PCR test please visit <a href="www.clicsante.qc.ca">www.clicsante.qc.ca</a> or call Public Health at 1-877-644-4545.

All employees must continue to fill out the **COVID Absence Tracker** form on SSO, and inform their immediate supervisor of the test results as soon as they receive them. Proof

of testing and test results (PCR) must be submitted to Human Resources, as it is important to follow this process so that there is no impact on salary.

If you have any questions regarding testing and/or isolation measures, please contact your immediate supervisor or call public health at 1-877-644-4545.

We thank you for your collaboration during this unprecedented health crisis, which continues to provide us all with numerous challenges daily. In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the health and safety of the LBPSB community, every gesture you make to respect the different public health directives counts.

Sincerely,

Lester B. Pearson School Board Administration