



COVID-19: Abbreviated Guide for Teachers

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Changes

There will be no more class bubbles, and students will no longer alternate between in-person and online learning (hybrid learning model) in Secondary III, IV and V. School transportation is back to normal (number of students) and extracurricular activities will be offered (with certain conditions for secondary school students).

Basic health measures for everyone

Hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, disinfection, formal exclusion of people with symptoms, and physical distancing.

Presence in the classroom

This is the general rule for everyone, provided the current health situation persists, with some exceptions (vulnerable people).

Educational services

General rule: offered to everyone.

Specifically in secondary schools: the vaccination passport will be compulsory for some extracurricular activities: indoor sports and outdoor team sports which involve frequent or prolonged physical contact (full list to come).

The vaccination passport will not be required for activities provided for in the curriculum or for special projects, with the exception of certain inter-school activities in sport-study programs.

To be monitored: The pandemic situation by region and during outbreaks.

Medical (procedural) masks

In the youth sector, except for preschool:

1. Compulsory for everyone when moving around the school indoors, as well as in indoor common areas and when using school transportation.
2. Compulsory in classrooms in nine regions: Montréal, Laval, Montérégie, Outaouais, Laurentides, Lanaudière, Estrie, Centre-du-Québec and Mauricie.

In the vocational training and adult education sectors, as is the case in the higher education sector, masks must be worn by everyone at all times, including during courses.

If it is extremely hot, permission may be given to remove masks in classrooms or during courses.

Vaccination of 12-17 year-olds

Campaign to complete vaccinations (2nd dose) from the beginning of the new school year.

Cases and outbreaks

1. Aim: To keep children in school.
2. Contacts will not necessarily be removed when cases occur, and tests will be administered on days 3-5-7.
3. PCR, saliva (gargle sample) and antigen tests.

Emergency protocol

Every school and centre must have its own emergency protocol adapted from a province-wide model to be published shortly. The protocol must be adapted in response to outbreaks and changes to the pandemic situation.

Ventilation (additional equipment)

Fans are not recommended for use in classrooms except during extreme heat waves. The steps to be taken in these cases are as follows:

1. No horizontal airflow.
2. Do not aim the fan directly at people.
3. Use every available method to cool the room when students are not present.

*** Air purifiers and air conditioners: the same recommendations and rules apply.

Vulnerable people (pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems, etc.)

The same rules as last year apply:

1. Teachers should see a doctor as soon as possible.
2. Teachers should describe all risks related to their work, including COVID-19.
3. If there is a risk, the doctor should fill out the CNESST form.
4. Teachers in this situation should be placed on CNESST and paid at 90% or reassigned by the school board and paid at 100%.

Telework should be used in priority for reassignments.

Other

1. Continuation of the Revitalization Plan for Educational Success.
2. Launch of the *Stratégie de raccrochage*.

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Questions and answers by topic.

<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/en/prevention-and-safety/covid-19/questions-and-answers-covid-19>

<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/fr/prevention-securite/coronavirus-covid-19/questions-reponses-covid-19>

Ministerial Guide available shortly (link to come)