



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today our local public health units released updated COVID-19 screening tool protocols in response to a new screening tool that was released by the province.

Key updates include:

- More detailed symptom screening (see printable screening tool for complete list)
- Permission for asymptomatic housemates or siblings of symptomatic students/staff to continue to attend school while monitoring for symptoms – **as long as the symptomatic individual is seeking testing/waiting for test results.**
- Permission for students/staff who have received a negative COVID-19 test result to return to school 24 hours after symptoms have started to improve.
- Requirements for 14 days of isolation for students/staff who choose not to be tested, as well as siblings/housemates, unless **all of the following apply:**
  - a health-care provider has diagnosed the student/staff with another illness, **AND**
  - the student/staff does not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
  - it has been at least 24 hours since symptoms started (48 hours if symptoms included vomiting and diarrhea)

Here is the updated screening tool that was released by the province: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

**Here is the updated information from our local public health units:**

[Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington Public Health](#)

[Hastings and Prince Edward Public Health](#)

We recognize that this is a lot of information but we are committed to keeping our families up-to-date as new information becomes available.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your school principal. Thank you for your work to keep our Catholic school communities safe and well.

Sincerely,

David DeSantis  
Director of Education