

Wagmatcookewey School Update

October 14, 2020

Important Information New Covid 19 Policies

- 1. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you NOTIFY US if your child will be absent from school for any reason. Throughout the entire school year we must have an accurate head count of students as per the ratio of students to staff due to government regulations and Covid 19 protocols.**
- 2. If your child will be absent due to illness or any other reason, please call the school 902 295- 3491 or 902 295-1757 or 902 295-1091. If they are sick, please let us know their symptoms as we need to record them for public health. When you notify the school your child is absent they do not notify us. You must contact us directly.**
- 3. Absenteeism must be reported to the school by 10 am each day.**
- 4. Please do not send your child or youth to school if there is any questions of illness, as we are not equipped to accommodate sick children.**

5. **If your child becomes ill while attending school, you will be notified immediately and will be expected to have an authorized person pick up your child or youth within a reasonable time.**

6. **If a child exhibits symptoms of Covid 19 they will be isolated from the other children and supervised by one staff until the parent/emergency contact is able to pick them up. Transportation is not provided in this case.**

7. **Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather each day. They will be going outside as much as possible the gym is not available.**

8. **Parents will not be admitted into the school to pick up their child but they can stand at the foyer entrance and wait for their child to come to them.**

If you are a returning student and you have had any changes in your contact information, or emergency contacts, please send them by email ASAP to

Marjorie@wagmatcookeweysschool.ca or

Loretta@wagmatcookeweysschool.ca

Staff List:

Please add our numbers/emails to your contact list.

Wagmatcookewey School

902-295-3491

902-295-1757

902-295-1091

Alternate Program

anika@wagmatcookeweysschool.ca

Preschool Program

902-295-1526

Please do not hesitate to email me at

(Marjorie@wagmatcookeweysschool.ca) if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you

Marjorie Pierro

Principal

Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Schools

To reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19, students should not be in school if they feel unwell. Families need to closely monitor and self-screen their children before school using the **COVID-19 Daily Checklist**. Keep children home when they are unwell or have new or worsening symptoms and complete the 811 assessment. Talk to the school if your child has chronic symptoms for example seasonal allergies or migraines.

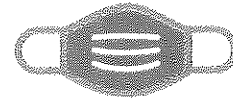
If your child becomes unwell or develops new or worsening health symptoms while at school, the following measures will take place:



Monitor your child until you arrive



Have them wash their hands



Give them a mask to wear



Escort them to an isolation room/area in the school



Call you to come pick them up

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Advise you to complete the 811 online assessment: <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en> or if unable to access the online tool, call 811

By contacting 811 you will be advised if your child needs to be tested for COVID-19. Household contacts, including siblings, do not need to stay home if they do not have any symptoms.



- If a test is **not required**, your child may return when they are feeling better with no fever medication for 24 hours (or only a mild clear runny nose). Repeat the assessment for any new or worsening symptoms



- If a COVID-19 test is **required**, your child will need to stay home until the test results come back.



- If the test is **positive**, public health will follow up and provide support and will advise when your child can return to school.



- If the test is **negative**, your child may return when they are feeling better for 24 hours with no fever (without medications) and no symptoms (or only a mild clear runny nose)



- If public health tells you that your child is considered a **close contact** of someone with COVID-19, they will need to stay home for 14 days. Household contacts of that child do not need to stay home unless they are also a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

We know that keeping children home is difficult for families. Taking a cautious approach is important to control the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. This plan may change based on new information.

For any new or worsening symptoms complete the 811 assessment
<https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>

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COVID-19 Daily Checklist

It is important to closely monitor your health and the health of those you care for. Please consider these questions each day before leaving home and entering public spaces.

If you are feeling unwell, you should **stay home or go home immediately, and follow the instructions below.**

1

Are you feeling unwell or do you have new or worsening health symptoms?

If yes, stay home and avoid public spaces, including work, school/child care, and shopping.

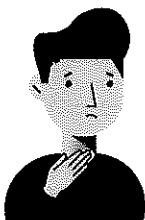
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In the past 48 hours have you had, or are you currently experiencing, any of these symptoms?



Fever (i.e. chills/sweats) **OR** Cough (new or worsening)

OR two or more of the following symptoms (new or worsening);



Sore throat



Runny nose/nasal congestion



Headache



Shortness of breath

If yes, stay home and contact 811 to be screened for testing for COVID-19.

If you are unsure whether you should be tested complete the 811 online assessment, <https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en>, or if unable to access the online tool, call 811.

3

In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside Atlantic Canada?

If yes, you must stay home. You are required by law to self-isolate for 14 days upon return to Atlantic Canada.

4

In the last 14 days, have you had close contact (within 2 metres / 6 feet) with someone confirmed to have COVID-19?

If yes, you must stay home. You are required by law to self-isolate if you have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19. If you haven't spoken with Public Health or been tested, you should contact 811 to be screened for testing for COVID-19.

5

Are you waiting for results from a COVID-19 test?

If yes, stay home. You are required by law to self-isolate while awaiting COVID-19 test results. Please follow instructions given by Public Health.

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