



# Owen Sound District Secondary School

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Hello Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to have all our in school learners back tomorrow (September 11<sup>th</sup>).

This is a notice to inform you about our new attendance protocols due to Covid-19.

**First** please remember to complete the “COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire” daily before sending your child to school.

**Second**, If your child will be absent from school, please call the us at 519 376-6050 ext. 523. Then indicate why they are not able to attend. If your child has one of the Covid symptoms indicated in the Student COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire, then you must indicate what symptom(s) they are experiencing. The Covid Screening Questionnaire can be found on our website and is included with this letter.

If a student is absent due to a Covid symptom then they are not allowed to return to school until one of the following takes place:

- **They obtain a Covid-19 test, test negative, and are symptom free for 24 hours after the negative test result**
- OR
- **They self-isolate for 14 days**
- OR
- **They provide documentation from a health care provider or assessment centre stating they were assessed, outlining the date they are able to return to school**

This is to let you know what will happen when a student or staff member tells us that they have **one** symptom of Covid-19 while at school.

1. The student/staff member are moved to the isolation room and kept under supervision.
2. Parents are called to arrange a pickup from school. Students will not be sent home on the bus.
3. Any siblings of the student who attend the same school will be sent home at the same time. Siblings of the student at another school are allowed to finish the day.
4. For the student or siblings to return to school the parent or guardian must complete one of the above bolded items.

Thank you for your assistance in following these procedures to keep our students and staff safe.

Jeff Brookshaw  
Principal

## Parents/Guardians and Students

### COVID-19 Information Screening Questionnaire

Parents/guardians must use this questionnaire **daily** to decide if their child should be in school. Students 18 years of age and older will use the questionnaire daily to determine if they should be in school.

Does your child or a student 18 years of age or older have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever
- New onset cough
- Chills
- Unexplained fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Stuffy or congested nose (new onset and not allergy related)
- Lost sense of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pink eye
- Digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain)
- For young children, sluggishness or lack of appetite

**OR**

Has your child or a student 18 years of age or older been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or someone who has developed new respiratory symptoms?

**If your child or a student 18 years of age or older has any of the above symptoms or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they are not to attend school at this time. Please contact your healthcare provider or visit an Assessment Centre for testing. Your child or a student 18 years of age or older should not attend school until they are free of symptoms or have received a negative COVID-19 test result.**