

Dear School Administrators;

COVID-19 remains a serious public health issue, and all levels of government have implemented significant public health measures to help reduce the spread of this disease. As you know, on March 17, 2020, the Premier of Ontario declared a state of emergency in Ontario in recognition of the seriousness of the situation.

Social distancing, or limiting interactions with others, is a key strategy for reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the community, especially to those who are elderly or have pre-existing health conditions. We ask that you promote this message within your school community. Also, please remind families who are returning from March break travel from anywhere outside of Canada, including the United States, that the whole family needs to self-isolate for 14 days after their return to Canada. If they develop symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, difficulty breathing), they should call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or their primary care provider's office (before visiting).

This situation is changing rapidly, and the best way to stay informed is through our website at www.toronto.ca/COVID19. You will find resources on many topics, including [social distancing](#) and [self-isolation](#), as well as the City of Toronto's daily media briefings.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, please email us at publichealth@toronto.ca