

Dear Casa Parents,

Please see below the memo we received to keep our MSK community safe.

2022 - 2023 Health & Safety Measure in Schools

For the past two school years, Ontario's students, and their families, educators and school staff have demonstrated resilience and flexibility in responding to changes to public health and workplace safety measures during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry of Education remains committed to providing students with a normal return to school and to supporting an enriching school experience that enables academic success and lets students take advantage of the activities and programs that enhance classroom learning and build social and life skills.

On the advice of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, for the 2022-23 school year most health and safety requirements remain unchanged from the previous direction provided to school board partners at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Continuing with this direction and based on the advice of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, masks will not be required for students, staff and visitors in schools, school offices, or on student transportation. We strongly encourage to actively promote respectful, welcoming and inclusive environments for individuals who choose to wear, or not to wear a mask within their school communities.

It is recommended that staff, students and visitors continue to self-screen every day before attending school using either the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#), or a screening tool designated by the local public health unit, in alignment with current provincial guidance. Following public health guidance, individuals should stay home if they are feeling ill to prevent the spread of illness.

Appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette should continue to be promoted and integrated throughout the school day.

If there are any further changes or developments throughout the school year we will continue to update our COVID policy to reflect the changes.

Your Partners in Education,

The Casa Department