

# Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health COVID-19 Guidance for Schools

Following these public health measures along with daily screening and documentation practices will be key to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools.



## Physical Distance

- Create separate drop-off/pick-up spots for different cohorts of students
- Provide schools with visual cues and ground markings to demonstrate 2-metre distance
- Use virtual technology for large gatherings or assemblies
- Explore the use of all available space on school premises (indoors and outdoors) to facilitate physical distancing requirements



## Hand Hygiene

- In the absence of soap and water, provide access to alcohol-based-hand-rub (min. 60%) in all rooms and school entrances
- Stagger lunchtimes to avoid crowding at hand washing locations
- Place hand washing and respiratory etiquette posters throughout schools



## Face Coverings

- All staff and essential visitors in schools will be provided with a medical mask and required to wear a mask while indoors
- Students in Grades 4-12 are required to wear a non-medical face covering
- Students in younger grades are strongly recommended to wear a face covering, and to follow any school policies that may require wearing them
- Face coverings are to be worn in hallways, during classes and on school buses

\*Note. Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply



## Screening

- All staff, students and parents must complete the daily screening assessment
- Staff or students with any symptoms must stay at home
- Follow WDGP's outline for "What to do when staff or students show symptoms while at school"



## Documentation

- Keep record of any temporary staff or essential visitors that enter school premises
- Maintain up-to-date daily attendance records of regular staff, teachers and students
- Note the use of any shared locations and classrooms by different cohorts
- Retain records of attendance and seating plans on school buses