



December 15, 2021

Dear TCDSB families and staff,

As we approach the winter break, we would like to share some important information and reminders. At this time, we **have not** received any information from the Ministry of Education or Toronto Public Health (TPH) regarding changes to learning. We continue to expect students to return to in-class learning on Monday, January 3, 2022, however we would like prepare families and staff for all possible scenarios as the state of the pandemic continues to evolve.

Packing for the Winter Break

We want to ensure students and staff are not missing any school items over the break and are also prepared for the possibility of remote learning. As a result, we are advising students and staff to bring home all personal belongings prior to the winter break. For example, medication, technology devices, shoes, clothes, school supplies, etc.

Take-Home Rapid Antigen Tests

As was shared in the [communication to families on December 13th](#), students will be receiving take-home rapid antigen test kits for voluntary use before returning to school in the New Year.

Returning from Travel

Effective December 15, the Government of Canada has advised to avoid non-essential travel outside Canada. Any families with travel plans are encouraged to review the [TPH COVID-19 Travel advice](#) – including the [requirements for unvaccinated children and youth](#). Currently, if children under 12 years old are not fully vaccinated, they are not to attend school/child care for 14 days. Children 12 - 17 who are not fully vaccinated are required to self-isolate at home for 14 days.

Screening Requirements upon Return to School

As a reminder, before coming back to school in January, students and staff will continue to be required to screen for COVID-19 symptoms. Students will continue to be required to show their signed [Screening Passport](#) before entering school each day. If your child or anyone in your household is ill, stay home and follow the guidance in the screening passport. TCDSB will continue to update the [Screening Passport](#) over the break if required by TPH.

Wellness Activities & Resources

TCDSB Mental Health Services has compiled a [Holiday Wellness Guide](#) with tips, resources and activities for families during the break.

By following public health advice, we can all enjoy a safe Christmas and break and continue to support in-person learning in our schools.

TCDSB Communications