

Hatzic Middle School Communicable Disease Prevention Plan: April, 2022

Dear Hatzic Middle School Families,

Please see the Ministry document provided titled "Updated Communicable Disease Guidelines" as an update. We will continue to review and address safety concerns moving forward. As we know, we will need to flexible and adapt to sudden changes should the need arise. We will alert you to these developments should they arise with further information to help us navigate through.

Continued Practices

- Encourage daily health checks to ensure students and staff are well when they come to school.
- Ensuring individual choices for personal practices (e.g., wearing a mask or face covering) are supported and treated with respect, recognizing varying personal comfort levels.
- Limiting physical contact when possible.
- Student access to building will remain at 8:30am. During lunch hour students will remain
- Ventilation improvements have been made since March of 2020. Please see the Ventilation Measures attachment for current district information.
- Cleaning:
 - Frequently touched surfaces (those touched by larger numbers of people) are cleaned and disinfected at least once per day.
 - Surfaces touched by fewer people are cleaned once per day.
 - o Practices are in place to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- We encourage everyone who is eligible for a vaccine to get immunized. Vaccines are a key layer
 of protection in reducing severe illness.

We kindly ask that all families continue to monitor the health of their children. Please keep children home should they have signs of illness. Please have a plan in place to pick up students promptly should they become ill while at school. A reminder to parents/guardians, if your child is ill to please notify the school of their absence via email at hms.info@mpsd.ca. Please connect with your child's teachers directly if you would like to have work provided while they are ill or to make plans for catching up upon their return (Staff email links are on the school website). If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 or is self-isolating due to suspected Covid-19 infection, please see the attached guidance from the BCCDC about timelines/next steps.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year. Please let us know should you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,

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