

June 8, 2021

Premier Legault Press Conference – Announcements Pertaining to Schools/Centres

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

Today the Premier of Quebec held a press conference to announce further developments in the province's COVID-19 sanitary measures.

COVID-19 Alert Level

- Outaouais will be moving from Orange alert level to Yellow effective Monday, June 14.
- Abitibi-Témiscamingue region remains in the Green alert level.
- For more information of COVID-19 alert levels please consult the following website:
<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progressive-regional-alert-and-intervention-system>

Masks for students – effective June 8

- Kindergarten are not required to wear masks at any time.
- Grades 1-4 students not required to wear masks at any time.
- Grades 5-6 and secondary school students are not required to wear masks in class nor outside. They are required to wear masks inside the school in common areas and on the school bus.
- Adult and vocational sector students are not required to wear masks once seated in a classroom. They must maintain 1.5-meter distance while in class. Masks in common areas are required but not outside.

Masks for Staff – effective June 14

- Staff are not required to wear a mask as long as they maintain 2-meter physical distance from other students and staff.

*For all masks directives it needs to be stressed that if a student or staff wishes to wear a mask in class, outside or at any time while at school or in a centre they are permitted to do so.

Premier Legault also made several announcements concerning a change to sanitary measures regarding the organization of graduation ceremonies and proms. Although some modifications may be made to some ceremonies already planned, due to logistical issues and tight time lines, it may not be possible to redesign school graduation plans. Each school will communicate their graduation ceremony plans to their communities.



The following is a synopsis of Premier Legault's announcements concerning graduation ceremonies:

Graduations – Handing out of Diplomas Ceremony

- The handing out of diplomas can happen during the school day, after school or on a weekend.
- Parents can now attend the graduation ceremony.
- A maximum of 250 people may attend the ceremony with more information to come on sanitary measures. (i.e. masks and physical distancing rules)

Graduation Proms

- From July 8 onwards, graduation proms will be permitted in an outside venue with a maximum 250 people, more information to come on sanitary measures. (i.e. masks and physical distancing rules)

Sincerely,



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