

September 24, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Two weeks have passed since Clara Hughes P.S. students have returned to school and while school is a little different, we are adjusting to our new normal.

Before we returned to school, we shared with you our [Return to School Guide](#) which outlined some of the steps we are taking. Examples include physical distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands, staying home if sick and the enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices approved by the Durham Region Health Department. Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day throughout the school and again at the end of each school day. Whether you are a staff member, student, or parent/guardian, we all need to continue doing our part to keep ourselves and each other safe. Here's a couple ways that you can help!

Government of Ontario School Self-Assessment Tool

The Government of Ontario has developed a new and easy School Self-Assessment Tool to help you determine every morning if your child should be going to school. Please complete this self-assessment every morning. We remind families that child(ren) must stay at home if they are sick. Here's a link to the self-screening: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Government of Canada COVID Alert App

The Government of Canada has created a [COVID Alert app](#) that will inform you if you may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app uses Bluetooth signals to exchange random codes with nearby phones that have the app installed. **COVID Alert does not collect personally identifiable information about you.** It has no way of knowing: your location, your name or address, the place or time you were near someone, or your health information. **No information is shared without your consent.**

We are strongly encouraging all DDSB staff, students and parents/guardians to download the app as another way to help protect you and the school community. The COVID Alert app is available for [iOS on the App Store](#) or [Android on the Google Play Store](#).

On behalf of our entire school team, thank you for your efforts over the last couple of weeks to stay safe.

Warm regards from Your Admin Team at Clara Hughes Public School.

Sharon Knights and David Budd

Principal

Vice Principal