

Date: June 28, 2021

Memorandum To: Directors of Education
School Authorities

From: Julia Danos
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Subject: COVID-19 School Absence Reporting

Thank you for the significant work your team has undertaken on daily reporting of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in your schools/school boards using the Absence Reporting Tool (ART). Your collaborative work with local public health units, and your work on reporting to the Ministry has allowed us to monitor the impact of COVID-19 across schools in Ontario as well as allowed for a timely communication to the general public as data is published on [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) daily.

As the school year winds down, the Ministry would like to finalize COVID-19 data for this instructional year. The final date to input data in ART for any confirmed cases of COVID-19 for staff and students who have been working/learning-person is **June 30, 2021**. The final school public posting on Ontario.ca will be made the week of July 5th. Following that, the 2020-21 school data section on [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) will be archived with data remaining in Open Data for historical reference.

The Ministry will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and in summer 2021 will confirm further details of the health and safety strategies required for the upcoming school year. Following last week's announcement that Ontario is allowing in-person summer school in publicly funded and private schools beginning in August 2021, further information will be shared on expectations for absence reporting due to COVID-19 for this summer school period, as well as the 2021-22 school year.

Please share this information within your boards, including with your school Principals and others as appropriate.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership in supporting safe and healthy school environments.

Sincerely,

Julia Danos

cc: COVID Board Leads
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