

October 18, 2021

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

Subject: **Updates to the School Screening Tool for the 2021-22 School Year**

I am writing to notify you of a minor update made to the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) to provide further clarification on the [federal government's](#) return to school requirements for students who are returning from international travel.

As outlined in the previous screening tool memo shared with school boards on October 1, 2021, individuals returning from international travel may **not** attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. For further clarity, while unvaccinated children under the age of 12 are exempt from federal quarantine if they travelled with a fully vaccinated companion, they may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. Individuals with all other quarantine exemptions (e.g., travelling for cross-border custody arrangements; travelling for medical treatment) may continue to attend school or child care.

Copies of the new screener are available for download [here](#). Similar to the 2020-21 school year, the downloadable screening tool will be made available in multiple languages. These additional languages will be added online shortly.

We will continue to update the screening tool as public health guidance evolves and are committed to keeping schools and school boards informed of any changes. We ask that you continue to work with your public health units to review your own screening materials to ensure that they meet the minimum requirements outlined in provincial guidance. Public health units continue to have the authority to implement additional measures based on local circumstances.

Thank you again for your continued support and collaboration as we work together to support students, staff and families across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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