

Bayview Glen

INDEPENDENT : SCHOOL

2022-2023
Family and Student
Covid-19
Health & Safety Measures

2022 – 2023 COVID-19 Health & Safety Measures

Bayview Glen has made plans for this upcoming school year in accordance with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Education. We remain committed to Bayview Glen's philosophy of *Whole Child: Whole Life: Whole World* and are excited to return to full school programming to offer an enriched school experience for students and staff. The School is well positioned for a safe return to a full schedule and activities based on our extensive planning, successful Covid-19 protocols to date, and guidance from the various medical advisories.

Scientists predict COVID-19 will eventually become an endemic over time and we expect that there will continue to be sporadic outbreaks and spikes in cases over the course of the year. The School will continually review and adjust Covid-19 operations and protocols based on the evolving state of the pandemic.

Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Health are continuously updating their information. As these changes occur, the School will update our protocols and safety measures. The following summarizes the key highlights of these protocols:

Vaccination Policy

Bayview Glen has a Vaccination Policy that is mandatory for all students aged 12 and up for the 2022-2023 School Year. "Fully vaccinated" means two doses of a Health Canada-approved vaccine and a 14-day waiting period.

For students under the age of 12, the school strongly recommends that, when eligible, student get vaccinated for the best protection against serious illness linked to this virus.

As eligibility for vaccines have become available for those under 5 years of age, it is recommended to seek advice from your family medical provider regarding receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

Currently, individuals aged 5 to 11 years are now eligible for COVID –19 boosters dose.

**Please refer to Appendix A, for BVG's current COVID -19 Vaccination Policy*

Mask Policy

Staff, students, visitors to the School, including on School transportation, are no longer mandated to wear masks, unless required under certain circumstances. Bayview Glen will continue to be a mask friendly environment and anyone choosing to wear a mask will be supported in their choice. As a School community, we will be respectful, welcoming, and inclusive for individuals who choose to wear, or not to wear, a mask.

It is recommended that masks continue to be worn if:

- You are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID - 19
- You live or spend time with someone who is at higher risk of COVID-19
- You would like to add an extra layer of protection in certain settings.

A well-fitted mask must be worn after exposure to COVID-19 or once COVID-19 symptoms arise. Masking must occur for 10 days after exposure and/or onset of symptoms.

Daily Screening

It is recommended that all students and visitors to the school continue to conduct a health check every day before attending school. The Ontario government's [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#) should be used for this purpose. The Screening Tool will be updated according to the most current guidelines. The School will no longer require the results of the daily screening tool to be submitted.

Anyone who is feeling sick or has any new or worsening symptoms of illness, including those symptoms not currently listed in the COVID -19 screening tool, should stay home until their symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours for nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea) and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed.

If the individual is demonstrating the following symptoms, they must stay home for 24 hours (48 for vomiting and/or diarrhea) symptom improving with no fever.

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath

The individual may return if the following **TWO** apply:

- Your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
- and
- You do not have a fever

*** If the individual is immune compromised and testing positive** or showing the above symptoms isolation period is **10 days**

Examples of immune compromise include cancer chemotherapy, untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count less than 200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, taking more than 20 mg/day (or equivalent) of prednisone for more than 14 days, and taking other immune suppressive medications. For this screening tool, factors such as old age, diabetes and end-stage renal disease are generally not considered immunocompromised

If the individual completing the screening has any **TWO** of the following symptoms, they must stay home and only return once 24hours (48 for vomiting and/or diarrhea) symptom improving with no fever.

- Sore throat
- Muscle ache or joint pain
- Runny or congested nose
- Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness

The individual may return if the following **TWO** apply:

- Your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
- and
- You do not have a fever

If the individual completing the COVID-19 screening demonstrates only **ONE** of the above symptoms they must;

- Stay home until your symptom(s) have improved for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) and if you do not have a fever.
- Siblings or other people you live with do not need to stay home as long as they do not develop symptoms.

If the individual completing the screening has any of the following symptoms, they must stay home and only return once 24hours (48 for vomiting and/or diarrhea) symptom improving with no fever.

- Abdominal Pain
- Pink Eye
- Decreased or no Appetite (young children only)

If you were identified as a close contact of someone with symptoms or with COVID-19, for 10 days after your last exposure to the person:

- wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including school and childcare)
- avoid non-essential activities where you need to take off your mask (for example, playing a wind instrument in music class or removing your mask for sports)
- avoid non-essential visits to anyone who is immunocompromised or at higher risk of illness (e.g., seniors)
- avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes.

If you had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days, for 10 days after the symptoms started:

- wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including school and child care)
- avoid non-essential activities where you need to take off your mask (for example, playing a wind instrument in music class or removing your mask for sports; dining out)
- avoid visiting anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness (for example, seniors)
- avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes.

Note: For those with negative COVID-19 test results, these measures can be an added layer of prevention against the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses circulating in the community

If you have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days

- You must follow the federal guidelines (<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>) after returning to Canada, even if you were not required to quarantine.

Illness

If a student experiences symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test then the applicable public health quarantine requirements must be followed.

If your child/children becomes ill while at school or exhibits any of the listed symptoms related to COVID-19, the individual must wear a mask and will be relocated within their division to wait for a caregiver to pick up their student. If a student is asked to be picked up due to displaying symptoms of COVID-19, they must adhere to the current Public Health isolation guidelines.

Proper Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette for Visitors and Students

Hand sanitization stands will be available throughout the building. Students are encouraged to practise good hand hygiene by washing their hands and/or sanitizing their hands frequently. Hand sanitizing stations will not be used for our preschool-age students unless authorized by their parents.

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices will continue for the school environment. Our team of dedicated facility staff continue to stay on top of best practices in Health and Safety measures and work to maintain an environment that is clean, inviting, and welcoming.

Visitor Policy

Visitors, including parents, will be welcome back into the school by scheduled appointment and are requested to wait in the designated reception area. In the Preschool and Lower School, during After School hours, parents and caregivers may enter the school to greet their child/children.

After School hours, parent pick-up for Prep and Upper School students takes place at the front or the back of the 85 Moatfield Campus. Should your child be registered in the After School programme at the Prep, please follow the instructions laid out in the first week of school.

For our Preschool families and students, we welcome you to enter the Lower School to drop off your child/children directly into their classrooms between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and again for departure between 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All siblings will come to reception to be picked up. This is an opportunity to help with transitioning into their day at school. Quick goodbyes and pick-ups are best as this will limit tearful drop-offs and emotions that others may have. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay in the cubby area of their child/children's classroom. All families are encouraged to use our Parent Bench once they become more confident in the Parent Bench system for arrival and departure.

Bayview Glen's response remains focussed on our students' mental health and wellbeing. This continues to be an important part of our Whole Child philosophy and approach. We will continue to offer mental health and wellness support through social-emotional education and a variety of other resources. In partnership, we will continue to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for our students.

[COVID-19 public health measures and advice | COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

Appendix A

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COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS

Policy:	Pandemic Policy	Effective:	May 30, 2022
Section:	Covid-19	Approved by Board:	May 30, 2022
Issued to:	Students	Last Update:	November 29, 2021

Purpose:

At Bayview Glen (the “School”) we are committed to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe school environment for all. Consistent with this commitment, the School has established a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (the “Policy”) for students.

Policy:

The School has established a COVID-19 Policy for students based on the following requirements:

- **All students aged 12 years of age (as of December 31st) or older** must be fully vaccinated prior to commencing school in September or obtain an approved exemption.
- **All students aged 5 to 11 years of age** are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated prior to commencing school in September.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an evolving public health issue in Canada. The School is monitoring guidance from all applicable public health authorities and reserves the right to revise this Policy as determined to be necessary or appropriate. It is recommended that students and their parents/guardians consult with their pediatrician or healthcare provider regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

As a school, we have a heightened responsibility to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect our students, staff, their families and the surrounding community. Due to the fact that the unique nature of in-person learning involves close contact with other students and staff members, the vaccination of all students is required and strongly recommended, with certain exemptions, as set out in the Policy.

The School has established this Policy, considering reliable scientific evidence, government guidance and protocols and relevant human rights legislation.

Scope:

This Policy applies to all students attending the School during the 2022/2023 school year.

Timing:

Our mandatory policy (aged 12 and above) and strongly recommend policy (aged 5 to 11 years old) for students is effective on September 1st, 2022.

Proof of Vaccination:

Prior to the commencement date of school, the School requests that students aged 12 years of age and above produce proof of vaccination. Proof can be in the form of a copy of the proof of vaccination given at the time of receiving vaccination, or a letter from a medical practitioner, confirming the student has been fully vaccinated.

For students aged 5 to 11 years of age, the School is requesting that documentation of vaccination status be disclosed on a voluntary basis. The School reserves the right to require proof of full vaccination against Covid-19 in select circumstances, which may include but not be limited to field trips, overnight excursions, sports activities, and certain indoor events and extracurricular activities.

The School will only collect, use and disclose information regarding a student's vaccination status in accordance with its Privacy Policy and all applicable privacy laws. Proof of vaccination will be kept in a confidential file, stored in a secure location.

Exemptions:

The School recognizes its responsibilities and duties under provincial human rights legislation, such as the Ontario Human Rights Code (the "Code"). If a student aged 12 or older is unable to be vaccinated, due to a protected ground, as defined by the Code, the School has a duty to accommodate to a point of undue hardship.

However, this duty to accommodate must be balanced against the School's obligations to protect the health and safety of staff and students. Due to the serious health threat COVID-19 presents to the public, if student aged 12 or over will not be vaccinated because of a protected ground under the Code, they must request an accommodation or exemption which falls under one of the following two categories:

1. Medical Condition; or
2. Religious/Creed.

Medical Condition Exemption

A parent/guardian of a student aged 12 years or older who is requesting an exemption from this Policy on the basis of a medical condition must provide the School with a letter from a medical practitioner, clearly stating the reason why the individual should be exempted from receiving the vaccine. This letter must be provided to the School prior to September 1st.

Religious/Creed Exemption

A parent/guardian of a student aged 12 years or older may apply for an exemption, due to religious belief or creed. The School reserves the right to ask for materials in support of the individual's religious belief or creed, including a letter of support from a religious leader or community.

Process to Receive an Accommodation

The accommodation process is a shared responsibility. All parties should co-operatively engage in the process, share information and consider potential accommodation solutions. Parents/guardians who are requesting an accommodation are required to:

- make the accommodation needs known to the best of their ability, preferably in writing, in a timely manner (see attached separate document);
- answer reasonable questions or provide information about relevant restrictions or limitations, including information from health care professionals;
- take part in discussions about possible accommodation solutions;
- co-operate with any experts whose assistance is required to manage the accommodation process;
- meet agreed-upon performance standards and requirements, once accommodation is provided; and
- work with school administration on an ongoing basis to manage the accommodation process.

Depending on learning and teaching considerations, possible accommodations may include enhanced Covid-19 safety protocols, regular testing, remote learning arrangements.