



# **COVID-19 IET PARENT GUIDE**

As of **September 1, 2022**

## **Response to COVID-19**

Bloorview School Authority (BSA) is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of your children, our staff, partners, and the community. **We are a hospital school, and therefore are categorized as a high-risk setting. Our protocols are much more stringent than those of typical schools.** We follow the guidelines set out for high risk settings, and base our response and actions on recommendations from Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab Hospital, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Toronto Public Health, and the Ministry of Education.

### **The following practices will be in place:**

- Staff receive enhanced infection prevention and control, and health and safety training.
- Policies and procedures have been developed specific to COVID-19 in order to increase the health and safety of children, staff and families.
- Procedures will be updated and revised regularly to ensure best practices in accordance with Public Health authorities.
- All staff screen for symptoms daily, and all staff wear medical or N95 masks.
- Parents are required to screen their child daily before coming to school.
- Parents are asked not to come inside BSA unless it is by appointment.

### **Before your child leaves your home:**

Screen according to the chart in the front of your child's communication book and sign the attestation form to confirm the screening has been completed.

**\*\*Please do not administer any fever reducing medication up to 6 hours before sending your child to BSA.\*\***

### **If your child or an immediate family member is ill:**

You must keep your child at home if anyone in the home is displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined on the screening chart without an underlying cause. Please call our Safe Arrival line at (416) 424-3831 to report the child's absence and the COVID-19 symptoms your child or family member is experiencing. Next step for various scenarios are found on page 2 of the screening checklist. If you are unsure please call Melissa or Margot in the office who will be pleased to help (416) 424-3831.

### **If a child becomes ill at school:**

If a child becomes sick at Bloorview School, they will be separated in an isolation room and supervised by one of our staff members. Parents will be notified to pick up the child immediately. Parents can pick up their child from the school entrance. Children who are ill at school cannot go home on the bus.

### **If a child in a classroom tests positive for COVID – 19**

If someone in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, and has been in contact with your child in the preceding 48 hours your child will most likely be considered a close contact. In almost all

circumstances, children who are close contacts with a positive case will not be able to come to school in-person for a period of 10 days (unless they themselves have had COVID in the previous 90 days). This decision is made by the Manager of Infection Prevention and Control in Holland Bloorview.

### **Dropping off and picking up your child:**

If you are dropping off or picking up your child outside of the normal times, please remain outside and call the school office or use the intercom system and follow the given directions.

### **Picking up your child for an appointment at Holland Bloorview:**

If you are coming for an appointment, please enter through the main doors at Holland and be screened. No parents will be admitted through the school entrance. You will be provided a mask to wear onsite. Once screened please call the school office and we will bring your child to you.

### **Masking**

IET Students are not required to wear masks, however we will support mask wearing if parents prefer. If you would like your child to wear a mask please send masks to school with your child.

**This information is current as of September 1, 2022. We will provide updates as they become available. Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy!**