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COVID-19 SHAWANAGA KINOMAUGEWGAMIK SCHOOL POLICY

This working document may be modified at any time because of changes in the status of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Government Guidelines and restrictions, as well as Health Unit recommendations, guidance or mandates from Shawanaga First Nation Chief & Council, along with parental concerns and input.

Communication - School Reopens on Monday, October 5th, 2020

The front door of the school will remain locked at all times; doorbell has been installed. Appointments must be made to visit or see any school staff personnel. All visitors must wear a mask and sign in; pre-screening and temperature check will take place. Sanitizing stations have been put in throughout the school. Students should only bring a backpack with lunch, water bottle, books and change of clothes if needed. Plexiglass is installed. Masks are encouraged for all students; mandatory for Grades 4 and up. Students and all staff will have temperatures taken daily at entry. Social distancing will be practiced. Cloth chairs and surfaces have been removed and cleaning products purchased. Students should not bring any toys from home to school. Daily snack will continue to be provided. Lunches are required daily as staff members will not be cooking any hot meals.

Shawanaga Kinomaugewgamik will provide the full range of elementary curriculum, including the new JK to Grades 5 Mathematics Curriculum, and integration of Outdoor and Land-Based Education.

School Staff Guidance

Susan Siwik, CHN, ISC-FNIHB, Ray Alatalo EHO, ISC-FNIHB, Kendra Patrick PHN, North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, have supplied input and visited our school for pre-start inspection. Staff members met with these individuals and participated in health and safety reviews of COVID-19 recommendations. The Shawanaga First Nation Healing Centre staff members have also assisted.

Kinomaugewgamik School Van Transportation

Students that reside in close vicinity to Kinomaugewgamik, (Shawanaga Village) are encouraged to walk to school for further safety, as well as both physical and mental wellness. Parents may wish to transport students daily and are advised to inform of such. If transportation is required with our school van, please contact the Administration office. Masks are required on the school van at all times. The school van driver will take the temperature of each student before boarding the van if warranted. The school van will be cleaned after each trip.

School Entry

- Any student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home.
- All parents for students **must** complete a self-assessment and self-screen every day before attending school. (link is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> for their own knowledge, self-awareness, and

learning process. If you do not have access to the internet a paper copy of the screening form will be made available to you.

- Visitors to the school will be limited to student service partners (One Kids' Place, HANDS, CAS, OT, Early Learning Specialist, Math Tutors, and all other Teaching Paraprofessionals) and all Delivery Personnel will sign in.

During the School Day

- For everyone's safety as noted above, students (Grades 4 and up) will be required to wear non-medical masks /face coverings indoors on school property and respect physical distancing. Please advise the Administration Office or the Teacher if there are any students that are unable to wear a mask . (*Face shields do not replace face masks as per Public Health guidelines; and are not recommended for children.*)
- Students will be required to hand wash with soap and water more often during the day or hand rub with hand sanitizer as they enter the school (i.e. beginning of the day, before and after eating, after using the washroom, after outdoor time and after sneezing or coughing into sleeves or using tissue).
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are available at school as well as masks and face shields for those who require these.
- Students will take turn using the washroom facilities as much as possible.
- Washrooms and high touch surfaces (light switches, doorknobs, handrails, desks, chairs, electronic devices, toilet and faucet handles) will be cleaned and disinfected minimum of twice daily.
- Resource Room surfaces and other places in the school where children are withdrawn, will be cleaned between students. Classrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day accordingly.
- Respiratory etiquette (coughing, sneezing, yawning into one's sleeve) will be respected.

COVID-19 Symptoms at School

Any student exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19 at school (with the exemption of a pre-existing medical condition or seasonal allergies), no matter how mild, will be immediately placed in isolation, and sent home.

When a child is sent home for exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, they must then either:

- Get tested for COVID-19 at an Assessment Centre. (Brenda Tabobondung RN can do symptomatic testing in the community).
- Self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms if not tested: OR
- be advised by a health care provider that symptoms are not due to COVID-19 and not new or worsening – they can then return to school. The Health Unit can be contacted between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at [1-800-563-2808 extension 6](tel:1-800-563-2808), or the COVID Assessment Centre at [705-746-4540 ext. 5030](tel:705-746-4540) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If there is a case of COVID-9 in our school, the Public Health Unit will notify the School and together with Susan Siwik CHN, FNIHB will notify the student and their family or staff member and their close contacts and direct them on isolation and further testing and follow-up.

We appreciate the challenges this may cause some families with respect to childcare arrangements and work schedules, but our priority is to keep our students and staff healthy! Together we will get through this stage of our lives.

Stay Safe and Keep Well. Shawanaga First Nation Education Department Team
Chi' Miigwech!