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Dear TPS Families,

Toronto Prep School will be reopening and welcoming our students on **Thursday, September 9th**. For this effort to succeed we need the collaboration and cooperation of the entire TPS community. Our return to school plan is predicated on one central principle: safeguarding the health and welfare of students, families, staff and the larger community in a manner that reflects Toronto Prep School's core values.

As noted by medical experts, the key to minimizing the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak is to layer different strategies in a way that gets us to a situation where any potential spread would be quickly identified and contained.

The layers are as follows:

The first layer is to keep the virus out of the school setting to the best of our ability. This involves a home assessment of each student by the parent/student in order to make certain that students do not come to school sick.

**[Directions for the assessment](#)**  
**[Online Assessment Form](#)**

Furthermore, students may be assessed for symptoms throughout the day in an effort to immediately identify any student who may develop symptoms while they are in the school.

The second layer involves steps to lessen the chances of students and staff transmitting infections. With this in mind, Toronto Prep School has implemented the following measures:

- staff, faculty and students must be fully vaccinated for in person attendance (medical exemptions not withstanding)
- uploading proof of vaccination, please [upload via this Google form](#) if you have not yet done so;
- the mandatory wearing of masks indoors;
- physical dividers in all classrooms, offices and school areas;
- a rigorous hand hygiene routine;
- enhanced daily cleaning of classrooms, common areas and bathrooms;
- designated entrances and exits for our campus;
- improved ventilation and the use of HEPA-carbon air filters designed to purify the air in all classrooms;
- masks may be removed during lunch, but only when students are seated behind the acrylic dividers

Finally, if transmission does occur the ability to minimize the spread by reducing the amount of interactions among the school population via isolation of the person displaying symptoms until they can be safely transported from the school premises.

The role of our actions play an integral part in this plan. Everyone has to do their part and collaboratively we will succeed in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 by securing a safe and engaging learning environment.

Be well and stay safe,

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