



March 11, 2022

Dear TPS Parents/Guardians and Students:

**RE: Return to School following the March Break**

Earlier this week, the Ontario Ministry of Health announced changes to COVID-19 guidance in the province. Toronto Prep School was also sent specific guidance from the Ministry of Education. Based on the communications we have received, Toronto Prep School has made the following decisions in regards to COVID-19 protocols:

**Masking**

Toronto Prep School will continue with mask wearing for two (2) weeks following the March Break. Upon consultation with public health experts, it was determined that these two weeks will allow the school to gather more information about how the masking policy is affecting the broader community. In addition, current federal guidelines stipulate that all travelers returning to Canada from international destinations must continue to wear a mask for 14 days. As many members of our school community will be traveling over the March Break, continuing our mask policy for two weeks ensures that everyone is compliant with the current guidelines. As has always been the case, our primary concern is the health and well-being of our students and staff.

**Daily Screening**

Daily on-site confirmation of screening for all students and staff will no longer be required. However, staff and students should continue to **self-screen** at home every day before attending school using Toronto Prep School's current screening tool.

Finally, as per direction of the Ministry of Education, the following health and safety measures will continue to remain in place:

- Enhanced cleaning;
- Encouraging hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, such as coughing into your sleeve;
- Providing medical masks to students upon request and medical masks and/or N95 masks and other PPE for staff on request.

Please remember upon returning to school following the March Break all students will return to in-person learning and assessments will revert to the conventional closed book approach.

Please feel free to contact me via Edsby if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you a safe and restful March Break.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete'.

Pete Tsimikalis  
Principal