



LYCÉE CLAUDEL

L'école française internationale
d'Ottawa



aefe
Agence pour
l'enseignement français
à l'étranger

COVID19 Update

Friday, April 9th, 2021

Madam, Sir
Dear parents,

On Wednesday, the Government of Ontario announced a four-week province-wide lockdown, during which time schools will remain open.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the latest updates on school protocols.

Regarding the operation of the school

The school is in constant contact with Ottawa Public Health (OPH) with whom we are evaluating the effectiveness of the measures in place since the beginning of the school year and determining what can be done to further strengthen the level of health protection.

To this end, in addition to all the measures in place, we are following a new recommendation from OPH to equip all teachers with new eye protection (glasses or face shield) to be worn in class when teaching activities do not allow for a physical two meters distance. This will further reduce the risk of contamination in the classroom. The equipment is in the process of being distributed.

This recommendation will be operational as of next week and will allow us to alleviate an inefficient and restrictive organization that in constraining some students to attend virtual classes while they are still in the school.

Regarding the procedures for reporting Covid cases

When a test result is positive, you must inform the school through covid.absence@claudel.org. From there, the following sequence of events occurs:

- The school contacts SPO to verify the dates to look for potential contact cases and transmits the list of students and staff concerned using a secured procedure.
- An email is sent by the school to staff and families of students considered as potential contact cases to inform them of the situation. For families, the email will specify the name of the child concerned.
- OPH sends a letter to the school for distribution to the entire school community indicating that someone connected with the school has tested positive. This information is disseminated via Pronote.
- SPO confirms to the students and staff concerned their status as high-risk contact cases and reminds them of the instructions to follow.
- The [distance learning policy](#) is implemented for the students concerned.





LYCÉE CLAUDEL

L'école française internationale
d'Ottawa



aefe
Agence pour
l'enseignement français
à l'étranger

This sequence is now well established and is proving effective. However, it is important to be aware of the following principles:

- OPH validates contact cases, not the school, which has no authority to do so. Potential contact status is not an official category and simply allows for a 24h to 48h window to take action.
- The school must guarantee strict confidentiality and the only information that can be disclosed is the level of school involved in a case (maternelle, elementary, collège or lycée).
- Apart from occasional errors that may occur (and which are corrected without delay), only those directly concerned are contacted by the school

Regarding self-screening

Self-screening is mandatory for all students, staff and visitors and must be done before their arrival at the school. This measure has been in effect since the beginning of the school year and has recently been reinforced by SPO for staff and students in PS and from 3ème to Terminale who must use the [self-screening application](#) developed by the school.

For more information on self-testing, please refer to the [Health Centre section of our website](#).

Specific measures for the exams

As of today, the DNB and baccalaureate exams (1st and Terminale) that have not been converted to continuous testing (DNB exams, French in 1st year, philosophy and the Grand Oral in Terminale) are maintained by the French Ministry of Education.

In order to limit as much as possible the risks of self-isolation during the tests, we will ask the students to remain confined 14 days before the written tests. Specific information is planned for families who will be invited to a videoconference before the spring break.

All the teams remain strongly mobilized to welcome students every day in the best conditions so that they can make the most of the teaching they receive. We hope to continue in the same way until the end of the school year and I thank you in advance for your trust.

Yours sincerely

Philippe COURJAULT
Headmaster

