



March 1 - 5

## Gatestone Elementary School 2020-2021

Monday, March 1	Day 1
Tuesday, March 2	Day 2
Wednesday, March 3	Day 3
Thursday, March 4	Day 4 Printed Reports go Home
Friday, March 5	Day 0 <b>PA Day No School</b>

### Gatestone Community Updates



#### STUDENT SCREENER & HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS OF SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

There have been revisions made to the student screener. Please see the link below. Staff, students and children with any new or worsening symptom of COVID-19, as indicated in the school and child care screening tool, **even those with only ONE symptom must stay home** until the following;

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional, or
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset and they are feeling better.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

As of February 12, the Ministry of Health has issued guidance to public health units regarding COVID-19 variants of concern. Public Health is applying this guidance to staff,

students and children by requiring them to stay home from school or child care if anyone in their household has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 and has been recommended for isolation and testing.

### **SAFE PRACTICES TRAVELLING TO/FROM SCHOOL**



We encourage our students to walk to school due to our boundaries and distance from home to school. With colder weather occurring our traffic around the school has increased and our road has become overcrowded with vehicles. Parents are encouraged to walk with their child to school as our boundary areas do not require vehicle transportation unless there are special circumstances.

Students are reminded when walking to school and home to continue to use safe practices such as being aware of their surroundings, not talking to strangers, walking with peers or siblings (while maintaining appropriate distance) as much as possible. Students being approached by a stranger should leave immediately, go to the nearest safe zone (e.g., house of someone they know, friend or parent near by) and always report this to an adult.

### **Masks on Property**



A friendly reminder that all parents/guardians are required to wear a mask on school property. This includes our walkways and pickup and drop off areas when outside a vehicle. Unless there is a special circumstance that the office is aware of, staff will approach parents/guardians not wearing masks on the property and request compliance with the HWDSB COVID-19 guidelines. Staff may ask a parent to leave the property if there is refusal to wear a mask on school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety for all.