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## Countdown to Kindergarten: Enhanced Public Health Measures

During the pandemic, schools at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) remain safe and enriching learning environments for your child to learn and grow.

What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?

- Bright, clean, and inviting learning spaces that welcome all learners
- Educators wearing personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Children wearing masks, except when exempt or eating
- Children safely spaced apart with their own areas for learning
- Plastic dividers used when children are working or playing together, and physical distancing is not possible
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Individual learning materials (regularly rotated and changed after cleaning/disinfecting)
- Access to handwashing stations and hand sanitizer at all times
- No sharing of food, or materials
- Reminders about safety, using child-friendly language and images
- More outdoor time to promote well-being

Learn more about Kindergarten at HWDSB at  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten)