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Dear Parents

Self-Assessment Checklist

Thank you to everybody for doing their part to keep our families at St. John's Academy safe. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, if your child/ren is not well, we encourage you to keep them at home. Our attendance guidelines and scholarship criteria for attendance are being relaxed at this time. There has been some confusion as to what checklist should be used for performing daily self-assessments with your children, as the list on the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) is different to the **COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings**, which is below. After reviewing guidelines from other independent schools and our local school district, we ask that you help us to protect our community by undertaking the following checklist each day with your child/ren before sending them to school.

Daily Health Self-Assessment

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*		Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE
Fever, in absence of fever reducing medications		YES	NO
Chills		YES	NO
Cough or worsening of chronic cough		YES	NO
Shortness of breath		YES	NO
Loss of sense of smell or taste		YES	NO
Diarrhea		YES	NO
Nausea and vomiting		YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.



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When a **COVID-19 test** is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 **test is recommended but is not done** because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Head of School