

**OTTAWA ADVENTIST SCHOOL**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN COVID-19 SCREENING AGREEMENT**  
**2021-2022**

Under Provincial direction, schools may operate following strict health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of staff, children and their families.

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus.

**CHILDREN WHO ARE ILL SHOULD **NOT** ATTEND SCHOOL**

**CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF ANY MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY WAS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19**

To manage the risk of spreading illness within the school, Ottawa Public Health has provided direction on cleaning/sanitation protocols and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. Ottawa Public Health also requires daily active screening of all individuals arriving at the school.

**ALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS** must be screened **DAILY UPON ARRIVAL** to school. Temperature checks are required for children entering the school. Temperatures will only be required for parents/guardians if there is an extenuating circumstance that requires them to enter the school building. In addition to daily active screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness.

**Your COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by the school during the screening process, may be provided to Ottawa Public Health, to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the school.**

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from school if you or your child(ren) experience **any** of the following signs or symptoms:

- A temperature at or above 37.8 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- New or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
- **Any** of the following symptoms:
  - Sore throat
  - Headaches
  - Diarrhea
  - Difficulty swallowing
  - Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches
  - Nausea/vomiting
  - Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
  - Abdominal pain
  - Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
  - Chills
  - Nasal congestion without other known cause
  - Rash (in children)
  - \*Croup (in children)

\*Respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing

If your child(ren) experiences **any** of the signs or symptoms listed above while at school, staff will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child(ren) **immediately**.

While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, s/he will be separated from the other children.

Any family member experiencing symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 before the family can return to school. The Principal will provide the parent/guardian with contact information for Ottawa Public Health. Children with symptoms must be excluded from school and self-isolate for 14 days after the onset of symptoms (unless tested negative). This exclusion will also apply to children exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or to symptomatic person(s).

To protect the health of all individuals at school, staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. Upon arrival, once a child(ren) has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the school. Parents/guardians are discouraged from entering the school. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the school unless it is determined that there is a need for a parent/guardian to enter the building.

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren)'s, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understood the above information;
- I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in Ottawa Adventist School;
- I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions, including the reporting of temperatures daily for all persons entering the school. Misrepresentation on any screening questions, including temperatures or masking fevers with medication could result in the termination of my child at Ottawa Adventist School;
- I will not administer any medication to my child(ren) that may mask the symptoms of illness, such as Tylenol or Advil, prior to dropping my child(ren) off at Ottawa Adventist School;
- I agree to exclude **all** of my children from Ottawa Adventist School **immediately** upon observing **any** of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any family member until medically deemed able to return to school; and
- I consent to providing copies of any of my child(ren)'s COVID-19 test results to the school.

**Parent Name:**

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**Name of Student:**

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**Parent Signature:**

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**Date of Signature:**

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