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Dear Parents of DMSD,

We are happy to note that all the Public Health guidelines we have needed to follow are keeping everyone healthy and safe!

DMSD has recently been provided with an update from the Public Health Department and the Ministry of Education. Please see the information below. The following guidelines will be followed at Durham Montessori School and Daycare until otherwise advised by our regional health officials. Our COVID PARENT HANDBOOK and POLICIES will be updated accordingly.

According to the new guidelines from the ministry, if a child has even one (1) symptom (even a runny nose) they are required to do one of the following:

- They are to consult their family doctor and receive an alternative diagnosis. At which time, your child will need to be 24 hours symptom free before returning to the childcare center, OR
- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result,
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better to come back.
- All asymptomatic siblings who attend the same daycare must also quarantine until the symptomatic sibling:
 - Receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or
 - Receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional.

If the symptomatic individual **tests positive** or is **not tested** and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional, the symptomatic individual must isolate (including all household members) for 10 days from symptom onset, and all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

Thank you for your continued support and we appreciate your effort to keep yourselves and those around you safe!

Kind Regards,

Durham Montessori School and Daycare