



Important Information Regarding Schools Reopening in September

As many are aware, the Ministry of Education announced their plan for the reopening of schools in late July. For full details see: [Guide to reopening Ontario's schools.](#)

This announcement requires a strong level of collaborative planning between our employees, foster parents and biological parents.

Although Valoris supports the return of students to school, we also recognize that each family has their own independent views and considerations that must be discussed before a decision is made for each child under our care.

As early as next week, workers will be contacting foster families to begin the planning process. The Ministry of Education has given parents the option of allowing their children to return to school or choose to keep their children at home and attend virtual learning.

Again, these decisions will be made case by case for each child under our care. We also need to respect the decision of parents that still have legal authority to make decisions regarding their children's education despite the fact that they are under our care temporarily.

Essentially :

Elementary Students in Prescott-Russell

Elementary school students in kindergarten through grade 8 will attend school five days per week, with 300 minutes of instruction per day, remaining in one cohort for the full day, including recess and lunch. Cohorted classes will stay together and with one teacher, where possible.

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Secondary school students in Prescott-Russell

Only the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario has been designated by the Ministry to alternate day learning. They have submitted a request to the Ministry of Education to derogate this decision for the following schools; however, a decision has not yet been shared:

- école élémentaire et secondaire publique l'Équinoxe
- école élémentaire et secondaire publique Maurice-Lapointe
- école secondaire publique Académie de la Seigneurie
- école secondaire publique Barrhaven
- école secondaire publique L'Alternative
- école secondaire publique L'Héritage
- école secondaire publique Le Sommet
- école secondaire publique Mille-Îles
- école secondaire publique Marc-Garneau

Secondary schools in designated school boards will open on an adapted model, with class cohorts of approximately 15 students, attending on alternate schedules that would include in-person attendance for at least 50% of instructional days.

The Secondary school students who attend the Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien, Upper Canada District School Board and the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will have an adapted model. They will be assigned curriculum-linked independent work on remote learning days and, where possible, will participate in synchronous learning with their teacher and classmates for a period of each school day.

School boards will be announcing details to their plans in the coming weeks. Please visit the school boards' websites:

Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien: https://csdceo.ca/fr/La-Rentree-Scolaire_217/La-Rentree-Scolaire-20202021_2597

Upper Canada District School Board:

http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/ucdsbnews/UCDSB_school_reopening_plan

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario: <https://www.cdsbeo.on.ca/>

Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario: <https://cepeo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Gmail-MISE-À-JOUR-CEPEO--Retour-à-l'école-20-21--5-août-2020.pdf>

What do WE need to do NOW?

In order to ensure our children and youth are prepared to begin school in September, there are some important details in the Guide that are time sensitive and need attention now which include Registration for School, Transportation, and Wearing of Masks.

1. Registration for School

School boards have been encouraged to undertake preregistration given the controlled conditions for reopening schools that will be required.

School boards will be permitted to wait-list students and families who do not preregister by a cut-off time established by the board. Boards will be permitted to offer these students and families remote learning until an appropriate class placement can be provided.

Please ensure that your children and youth are registered by mid August at the school they will be attending in the fall. Schools are closed but registration is to be done online.

If your child or youth is already registered at the school they will be attending, there is no need to re-register.

Complete the survey for confirmation of attendance if required.

For school boards to plan effectively, some boards will be asking all families to fill in a confirmation of attendance form for each student, which is to be sent or available shortly. This information will allow school boards to coordinate student groups and plan for those who intend to return to school as well as for those who are opting to continue with remote learning. Please

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watch for this email and complete the form as soon as possible. Some boards have deadlines for completion as found below.

Below please find the details and links for **ACTION REQUIRED** for each of our local school boards.

School Board	Deadline for Pre-registration	Important Information Links to Register and / or complete Survey
<p>Conseil des écoles publiques de l'est de l'Ontario</p> <p><i>First day of school September 3</i></p>	<p>Confirmation of attendance deadline not yet available</p> <p>Registration deadline not yet available</p>	<p>Registration for Online Learning: *** With Supervisor approval</p> <p>System classes for students with special needs In accordance with ministerial directives, the CEPEO will offer regular education, five days a week, to all students with special needs enrolled in a system class, at all levels, taking into account the maximum number prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Education.</p> <p>Confirmation of attendance: Over the next few days, parents and caregivers will receive a communication via the parents' portal asking them to officially share their choice of school attendance mode, face-to-face or virtual, for the next school year. Participation is essential in order to help ensure that your children and youth are accounted for in the school planning.</p> <p>You can choose to keep your child at home. In this circumstance, your child will be able to attend the Virtual Learning Program of Schools.</p> <p>To register at CEPEO : https://icimonecole.ca/</p>

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<p>Upper Canada District School Board</p> <p><i>First day of school September 4</i></p>	<p>Confirmation of attendance deadline: Aug. 14</p> <p>Registration deadline: August 20</p>	<p>Registration for Online Learning: *** With Supervisor approval</p> <p>Five days a week attendance for Elementary and Secondary students</p> <p>Register online using My Family Room, a registration and parent information portal. You simply create an account and go!</p> <p>Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, registration is only available online at this time.</p>
<p>Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est Ontarien</p> <p><i>First day of school September 3</i></p>	<p>Confirmation of attendance deadline: August 21</p> <p>Registration deadline: August 27</p>	<p>Registration for Online Learning: *** With Supervisor approval</p> <p>Parents will be receiving a survey by email that must be completed before August 21st. Parents may change their minds during the school year (online learning or in school learning, however, the change might take several weeks because the schools will need to plan according to capacity and other elements they need to take into consideration.)</p> <p>Secondary students: the change can only be made after half a semester. The precise dates for the start and end of the half-semester will be communicated to you shortly.</p>
<p>Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario</p> <p><i>First day of school September 4</i></p>	<p>August 14</p>	<p>Five days a week attendance for Elementary and Secondary students</p> <p>How to Register JK to Grade 6</p> <p>Find your school: click here for our school locator Submit your online registration form through the link below and collect documents.</p>

		<p>Wait for your school to schedule an appointment once schools reopen.</p> <p>Visit your school to complete the registration process.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The online pre-registration process includes a survey for data collection on behalf of the Ministry of Education. This data will be used to assist with planning, coordinating and improving the programs and services for families and young children in your community. Register Online</p> <p>How to Register Grades 7 to 12</p> <p>Find your school: click here for our school locator</p> <p>Complete and submit a registration form (found under Resource Downloads) directly to the school principal by email and collect documents (direct questions to Leah.finley@cdsbeo.on.ca).</p> <p>Wait for your school to schedule an appointment once schools reopen.</p> <p>Visit your school to complete the registration process.</p> <p>Resource Downloads CDSBEO Registration Form Licensed Childcare Information Admission of Non-Catholic Students Form</p>
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2. Transportation

According to the Ministry, students should be assigned seats and a record of the seating plan should be kept to assist with contact tracing in the case of a student or driver contracting COVID-19. Students who live in the same household or are in the same classroom cohort should be seated together.

School boards should support accommodations for immunocompromised and otherwise medically vulnerable students, and **students with special transportation needs** (e.g., arrange separate vehicle, assign seating at the front of the school bus).

Health and safety measures should be clearly communicated to parents and guardians of students to ensure their comfort with the adapted transportation system and receive their support in having students understand and follow guidelines.

3. Masks

Students in grades **4 to 12 will be required to wear** non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks within their cohorts.

Students in **kindergarten to grade 3 will be encouraged** but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.

Students are encouraged to practise wearing masks through August and learn what type of mask is most comfortable for them. Students may wear their own non-medical masks, and non-medical masks will also be made available for students. Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply.

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4. Lunch/Food Service

With respect to eating and drinking at school, it is expected that:

- Staff and students **will perform proper hand hygiene before and after eating.**
- Each student **will have their own individual meal or snack** with no common food items.
- Each student **will be required to bring their own drink bottle that is labelled,** kept with them during the day and not shared.
- Water bottles will be required to be filled rather than students and staff drinking directly from the mouthpiece of water fountains.
- Schools will remove all self-serving food items, and **microwave use will not be permitted.**
- Third party food services, including **nutrition programs, will be delivered** in a way that any student who wishes to participate can do so. **"Grab and Go format"** is preferred.

5. Personal Belongings

Personal belongings brought to school should be minimized.

Personal items being brought to school (for example, backpack, clothing, sun protection, water bottles, food) should be labelled.

**** August will be a good time to purchase the back-to-school items required and ensure they are all labelled and ready for the first day. Practising the new protocols to prepare for school is recommended.*

We will monitor school board websites for any new information or directions for school start up and communicate with you as necessary.

If you have any questions about placement or options for learning, please do not hesitate to connect with Julie Ladouceur at JLadouceur@valorispr.ca, (613) 551-3895.