February 8, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As of Wednesday, February 10, the Ministry of Education requires that **all secondary students complete a daily COVID-19 screening** before or on arrival at school, as well as **provide confirmation to the school** they have completed this screening with results indicating they are permitted to attend school.

We ask that prior to leaving for school each day, Grade 9-12 students complete the [UCDSB Student COVID-19 Self-Screening Tool](#). We are asking students to use this tool in place of the Ontario COVID-19 tool they may already be using.

The [UCDSB Student COVID-19 Self-Screening Tool](#) **can be completed using any device, including a smartphone.** Students simply need to click the link, log in with their **UCDSB email credentials** and complete the form. When students complete the screening, the school will be automatically notified.

Students who do not have access to a device or internet connectivity will be asked to sign in at the school and confirm on paper that they have done the self-screening. Attached is the poster that will be available for students at school to do self-screening if they have not done it prior to arrival.

Each day, **school staff will be following up with students who did not complete the daily screening.**

The [UCDSB Student COVID-19 Self-Screening Tool](#) is available now and we encourage students to start using this right away. **It will be mandatory as of Wednesday, February 10.**

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. We all play an important role in keeping everyone safe and limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to navigate through the pandemic. If you have any questions about the new process, please reach out to your principal or vice-principal directly.

Take care and be well,

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