

Noon Academy 's Reopening Key Information

The following guidelines and policies have been created in line with the guidance mandated by the Ministry of Education and the Ontario government as well as the specific considerations created by a panel of paediatric doctors and specialists.

Ensuring the health and well-being of our staff, students, and their families continues to be the top priority for us at Noon Academy. We acknowledge that the transition back to regular learning needs to balance the of risks of easing restrictions and returning to school with the harms of school closure on children’s physical health, developmental health, mental health and overall learning experience.

** Larger classrooms
* Improved ventilation
* More washrooms with touch-free soap dispensers*

<p>Screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, students, teachers and other employees who have signs/symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and make arrangements to be tested immediately. • Parents and guardians will need to commit to playing an active role in daily screening prior to leaving their child(ren) at school. A standard checklist will be provided to parents for this purpose. 	<p>Environmental Cleaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular cleaning schedule, using Health Canada approved disinfectants will be implemented with emphasis on high-touch surfaces and washrooms. • The use of toys and class equipment that can be cleaned and disinfected by staff and/or students (as appropriate) will be encouraged.
<p>Hand Hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine, frequent and proper hand hygiene is critical to limit transmission. • Training will be provided to staff and students on handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette. • Hand sanitizer (60-90% USP grade alcohol) will be available upon entry into the school, at all common areas, and within classrooms. • No touch soap dispensers and waste receptacles will be installed or placed next to all sink areas. 	<p>Physical Distancing</p> <p>In the school setting several control measures will be put into place to encourage physical distancing, especially when prolonged exposure is expected.</p> <p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students will be trained in new policies around physical distancing. <p>CLASSROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom furniture will be placed to ensure compliance with guidelines (1 metre apart, facing the same direction). • Expanded classrooms to ensure the optimum amount of space in each classroom. • Large gatherings/assemblies will be canceled for the immediate future. <p>LUNCH AND RECESS BREAKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to minimize risk, students will not have access to the microwave or fridge. • Proper eating and hygiene etiquette will be enforced before, during, and after each nutrition break. • Breaks will be staggered to reduce larger crowds. <p>OUTDOOR AND PHYS. ED ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor break procedures will follow our cohorting strategy. • Phys.Ed classes will be conducted outdoors as much as possible.
<p>Cohorting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be assigned to certain cohorts (based on grade group) with no more than 25 individuals as part of the cohort. • Up-to-date lists of all cohorts will be kept and readily available as needed. 	
<p>Non-medical masks (NMM) for students and teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers and staff will be required to wear NMMs when inside the school. • Students from Grade 4-9 will be required to wear NMMs when inside the school. • Students from JK-Grade 3 are not required - but will be allowed to wear masks. 	

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email us at info@noonacademy.net and we will be happy to send you the complete school reopening plan.