

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** January 14, 2022  
**Regarding:** Weekly Update (18)

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Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced that schools will reopen to in person teaching and learning on Monday, January 17.

## Active Screening

TVDSB Director Mark Fisher made the following statement during an interview on CBC Radio:

“The biggest thing is active screening. Every day, staff and students will be required to complete an updated screening tool. And, really, the difference is if you have even one symptom you are **required to isolate** for between five and 10 days, depending on your vaccination status. Not only you, but also members of your family.”

In the absence of testing and reporting, Teachers are advised to:

- Follow the direction of the CMOH and the Director of Education and isolate/quarantine (full pay without deduction of sick days) if experiencing one (1) or more symptoms of COVID-19.
- Plan for one (1) day of instruction prior to the quarantine period, during which you are released from all teaching duties.
- Return to work when symptom free.

## Health and Safety

KN95 masks will be provided by the employer to Teachers who choose to wear them. It is not mandatory that Teachers do so.

Report immediately any and all violations of Health and Safety protocols to the ETFO Local office.

## Return to In-Person Teaching and Learning

The pivot back to in-person teaching and learning has been made unduly complicated and confusing by both the Ministry of Education and the School Board.

Accompanying this weekly update is the LSS memo to Elementary Administrators regarding “learning model options.”

## Advice to Teachers:

- Focus must be on the students who have returned to in-person learning.
- Teachers are **not** to be creating a hybrid model of teaching and learning.
- A link to **TVO Learn** accompanies this update. It can be posted to the learning platform and will provide parents with a wide range of Ministry-approved grade- appropriate asynchronous activities for all elementary students.

## Government MPP Phone Numbers

We're sure that these folks are happy to hear what people think. The government governs by public opinion polling, so give them a call and share with them your perspective.

- Premier Doug Ford MPP (Etobicoke North), 416-325-1941 (Queen's Park)
- Ernie Hardeman MPP (Oxford), 519-537-5222
- Monte McNaughton MPP (Lambton Kent Middlesex), 519-627-1015
- Jeff Yurek MPP (Elgin Middlesex London), 519-631-0666.

Please note that Mr. Yurek is resigning his seat at the end of February. From March through until the writs are issued dissolving provincial parliament before the June 2 general election, the constituency will be represented by the Speaker of the House, Ted Arnott MPP (Wellington Halton Hills). His phone number is 416-325-3880.

## Opposition MPP Phone Numbers

These folks are eager to help and have been, and continue to be, fiercely supportive of Teachers and public education.

- Peggy Sattler MPP (London West), 519-657-3120
- Teresa Armstrong MPP (London Fanshawe), 519-668-1104
- Terence Kernaghan MPP (London North Centre), 519-432-7339

## Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect **from** Friday, January 14 and 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.

## It is the duty of the Local to:

- Defend the **Collective Agreement** and the rights of Teachers under it.
- Ensure that the provisions of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** are vigorously enforced.
- Bring to the attention of TVDSB ongoing Teacher concerns, with the expectation that these concerns will be taken seriously and resolved quickly.
- Communicate with Teachers in a clear, concise, and timely manner.

Thank you for your consummate professionalism and hard work as we pivot back to in-person teaching and learning.

For more information regarding this **Communiqué**, please contact the Local office by email at [etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com) or by phone at 519-474-3150.

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