

FAQ-Week of May 19th, 2020

This information given is current as of May 19th, 2020. We are in times of significant change and uncertainty and we are striving to have the information members receive be current.

If you are unsure about something, please call the CDTA office for clarification.

If you have an emergent health and safety concern the quickest way to get it addressed is to take it to your Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHS)

Returning to work on site:

1. **Do I have to go back into my school for full days when I am still doing on line work?** At this point yes, and you should be doing your online work during the regular school hours, not in addition to your full-time work day.
2. **I have a health condition that puts me at greater medical risk, what can I do?** You need to be evaluated by your doctor and if your doctor feels you need an accommodation, it will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
3. **I do not have childcare for the days I am at my worksite, what are my options?** Bring this to your administrator's attention and see if on-site accommodations can be made. If not, call the CDTA office.
4. **Are TTOCs available to call?** Yes, there are people available to work. Check with your administrator if you need to call one in.
5. **I am feeling very anxious and fearful, how am I supposed to figure this out?** You can ask to be referred to the BCTF Wellness program (or self-refer) for some extra support. The employer also has EFAP, which all teachers can access for counselling. Family members are also able to access this support. You can also access support through the BCTF mental health program called Starling Minds.

Health and Safety:

6. **How much cleaning am I expected to do while teaching?** There will be regular wiping down of high touch areas at least twice a day with regularly scheduled hand washing for everyone. If in between these times, you see the need to clean surfaces, then do so.
7. **What about students who won't follow the protocol or make jokes about it?** Refer them to your administrator.
8. **Why aren't we all wearing masks?** It's optional – if you want to wear one, SD71 will provide them. The PHO has not mandated the wearing of masks.
9. **How can I maintain physical distancing if I have half my class each day?** Physical distancing is being maintained for adult to adult contact, refraining from physical touching is the expectation at elementary school, according to the PHO.

School organization:

10. **Why aren't all the schools in the district starting up at the same time?** In order to get health and safety measures in place, the district needed time to do this properly. It wasn't logistically possible.
11. **There are mixed messages about the K-5 start up and including the grade 6/7s.** After the minister's announcement on Friday, May 15th at 10a.m., a subsequent conference call occurred in the afternoon, and in that call, districts were given permission to operate K-7 schools like K-5.
Written clarification from the ministry has been requested, but at this time, this is what we know.
12. **When can I go in and strip my room? Do I have to move everything?** Ask your administrator for a time when you can go in and who will be there to help you?
13. **How am I to manage parents who do not like what we are doing?** Refer them to your administrator; we are in emergency teaching mode, it's not ideal and everyone needs to remember that.

Reporting and program delivery:

14. **What are the guidelines for assessment and reporting expectations during pandemic schooling?** Wherever you felt the student was on March 13th should be used as your reference point. If as a professional, you feel the student has moved forward, use your judgement to do so but do not put a student below their March 13th assessment.
15. **How can I teach both on line and in the classroom?** Teachers should teach the same program and will be given time during the week to accomplish this. There is no expectation for you to work more than your assigned FTE, so don't put pressure on yourself to maintain the same levels of online contact you had pre-June 1st.