



## How is Greater Essex County District School Board preparing for community health risks like COVID-19?

### **Prevention:**

- Educate and stress to staff and students to use soap and water frequently throughout the day especially before and after eating, using the restroom, or out in public. Use hand sanitizer, only if soap and water are not available.
- Teaching students to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing.
- Encouraging our staff and students if they are feeling ill, especially with a fever, to stay home and rest.
- Having tissues available in classrooms.
- Maintain a two metre distance with people if they are sick.
- As a regularly scheduled item, we have updated our document entitled “Response to a National Health Risk”

### **Cleaning routines:**

- All classrooms are cleaned daily including door handles.
- Our Early Years room and some medical special education rooms have additional cleaning practices on a daily basis.

### **Monitoring:**

- Principals monitor absences and report to our local Windsor Essex County Health Unit if absenteeism is over 10% of the school student population. If there are multiple days of high absenteeism, the full school undergoes additional cleaning practices, as directed.

### **Partnership:**

- We have a strong relationship with the Windsor Essex County Health Unit and respect and rely on their expertise.

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