

Appendix A GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Guidance for School Volunteers During the Pandemic

The pandemic has changed the way we interact with one another and has significantly minimized the experiences and opportunities our school communities are accustomed to. This document is intended to provide our principals guidance to support safe engagement in our schools.

We appreciate the vital role our parent volunteers play in strengthening our school communities. Parent volunteerism in schools should continue to be encouraged with adherence to the safety protocols and guidance offered by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)'s Health and Safety Department, the Province of Ontario and Toronto Public Health.

In consultation with his/her field superintendent, the principal will continue to determine the local factors of each community and school site in consideration and support of parent volunteer partnerships which may be part of the daily life of the school. All visitors will follow established protocols for entering school buildings.

Proof of Vaccination & Safety Measures

School volunteers/visitors will show proof of full vaccination upon entry to the school to the Principal or designated staff.

Additional Safety Measures include:

- [TPH Screening Tool. – for Staff/Visitors](#)
- [COVID-19 Decision Tool for School Staff and Visitors](#)
- [TCDSB COVID-19 Sign-in, Sign-out and Screening Record](#)
- Wearing a medical mask and appropriate PPE as needed
- Practicing physical distancing measures

Volunteer Activities for Consideration

Examples of parent volunteer activities for consideration *may include but are not limited to:*

- Faith development initiatives
- Safety programs including Kiss and Ride
- Food and nutrition programs, including pizza days, lunch/breakfast programs
- Seasonal celebrations, fairs, outdoor activities or indoor events aligned with TPH guidance.

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Faith Development Initiatives

The faith development of students continues to be a priority in our schools. As schools may take part in local day trips, enhancements to the faith journey including day/half day retreats shall be considered.

Nutrition Programs

Nutrition/third party food programs and non-instructional food events are permitted to operate if food handlers use adequate food handling and safety practices.

- Grab-and-go-formats are preferred. For example, food items can be put together in one container (e.g. paper or plastic bag) for each student, or each item can be available for students to take from its own bin/tray.

Pizza/Special Lunch Day

Food should be individually packaged and remain sealed until delivered to each classroom.

Community Events – Outdoors

Each community and school site is unique and decisions about potential events or activities need to be considered through the lens of TPH's guidance and best practices in partnership with the school principal, superintendent, parent volunteers, and the board's health and safety officer.

- Events taking place after 6 pm or on weekends shall require coordination of a permit through the Board's permit department.
- Coordination with staff and parent volunteers is required to set up structures to maintain attendance below maximum numbers and limit inside school access for washrooms.