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Dear parents and caregivers:

As I am sure you are all well aware, the number of COVID-19 infections continues to rise throughout our Province and in Brantford/Brant. The second wave of COVID-19 is clearly upon us and I wanted to let you all know that we are carefully monitoring the situation as cases continue to rise in our community. Currently, Brantford and Brant County are in the ORANGE zone in the Province's COVID-19 response framework. Here is a link to the document outlining the restrictions associated with the various zones <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>. Our neighbours in the Region of Waterloo and in the counties of Guelph, Wellington and Dufferin were all moved to the Orange – or RESTRICT – Zone this morning, so careful monitoring of Provincial designations is high on my watch list.

As we have done since we re-opened Crossing All Bridges Learning Centre, we continue to be vigilant in our adherence to CABLC's re-opening guidelines established in conjunction with staff from the Brant County Health Unit. Each morning every single participant and staff member is screened and their temperature taken before they are admitted into the Centre. Masks are worn, physical distancing is enforced, extra cleaning/sanitizing is done daily, and participants remain in their assigned cohort. We are doing everything we can to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, but we can't do it without your support and compliance.

Please follow the directives issued by our health care professionals so that we can ensure our space is safe for all staff and participants. Here are a few things to remember:

- Try and restrict close contacts to your household members only and essential supports;
- If you can, limit your in-person activities outside of the home to essential activities only;
- Wear a mask or face covering when around others from another household, out in public places, or outdoors when unable to stay physically distant.
- Wash your hands often;
- If your son/daughter has any COVID-19 symptoms or is not feeling well, please keep them home.

We will continue to follow the directives issued by our local health unit, our Provincial leaders and the medical experts as we navigate the second wave of this pandemic. If closures are ordered or restrictions put in place, I will communicate with all of you regularly and promptly to ensure you're well informed.

Please stay safe and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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Framework: Adjusting and Tightening Public Health Measures

Act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures

Gradually loosen measures as trends in public health indicators improve

	 PREVENT (Standard Measures)	 PROTECT (Strengthened Measures)	 RESTRICT (Intermediate Measures)	 CONTROL (Stringent Measures)	 LOCKDOWN (Maximum Measures)
Objective	Focus on education and awareness of public health and workplace safety measures in place.	Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines, and enhanced education to limit further transmission.	Implement enhanced measures, restrictions, and enforcement avoiding any closures.	Implement broader-scale measures and restrictions, across multiple sectors, to control transmission (Return to modified Stage 2).	Implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission (Return to modified Stage 1 or pre-Stage 1).
Tactics	Restrictions reflect broadest allowance of activities in Stage 3 absent a widely available vaccine or treatment. Highest risk settings remain closed.	Apply public health measures in high risk settings.		Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure.	Consider declaration of emergency.