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Attention Families,

In partnership with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH), the Ministry of Education has provided guidelines that will be required to be followed following the holiday season. BGC Kawarthas will continue to implement daily on-site validation of screening confirmation upon arrival to Club programs. Reminder to

- complete the Ministry of Education Screening tool daily for each child before attending a Club program. Here is the link to access the tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.
- when completing a **COVID-19 test for your child or household member a specific PCR test is required**. The Rapid Antigen test will not be accepted.

### Winter Break Travel Protocols

For those planning to travel outside of Canada over the winter holiday, we want to take this opportunity to remind families of restrictions currently in place. Individuals must follow [federal testing and quarantine requirements](#) upon return from any international travel.

1. Unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travelled internationally with a fully vaccinated companion **are not permitted to** attend school or childcare for 14 days following their return as per the Government of Ontario direction even though they are exempt from federal quarantine,
2. Fully vaccinated children/youth who have travelled outside of Canada and meet the requirements to be exempt from federal quarantine can attend Club programs upon their return.

All families, particularly unvaccinated families considering international travel, should consider federal testing and quarantine requirements for themselves and their dependents. Please review the Government of Canada's [Travel Advice and Advisories FAQ](#) ahead of any international travel.

Finally, as a reminder, BGC Kawarthas is closed to direct service programming between December 24 @ 5 pm and January 3, 2022.

We would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. Thank you so much for being so supportive.

BGC Kawarthas