



J. Addison School

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Re: Update Regarding Dormitory Operations Due to School Closure Extension

Greetings,

This letter is to update our previous letter dated March 17, 2020, specifically regarding dormitory operations. With the continuous evolution of COVID-19, it is our intention to ensure that the safety and security of our students remains paramount. Our Ontario premier announced on March 31st, 2020 that public schools will remain closed and will not re-open until May 4th, 2020. Our school has decided to follow suit. However, with our facilities thoroughly cleaned and sanitized by our cleaners, we would like to provide aid to our international dormitory students by offering a transitional return to our dormitory residences.

Spots will be limited and available on a first come first serve basis, with priority given to dorm students in dire situations (who cannot return to their home countries due to border closings and do not have a local custodian/guardian/family member). The acceptance of students is at the sole discretion of J. Addison School.

Parents agree that all returning students will first need to be assessed and/or tested for COVID-19 and only allowed to return to our school dormitory with a negative result. Students will then need to be quarantined in their assigned rooms for 14 days to ensure the safety of all our dorm staff and students. After that, students will need to adhere to new dorm policies devised in light of COVID-19, including strict lockdown rules inside the school campus, until the lockdown is lifted by the school and when the school determines it is safe and clearance has been provided by the Ontario government. This means, that dorm students are not allowed to leave campus at any time and may not be allowed to use recreational facilities.

At this time, parents who are interested in proceeding with returning their child to our school dormitory are asked to contact our Residence Supervisor, Brendan Pilgrim, at bpilgrim@jaddisonschool.com. We are still in the planning stages of this transition and will need to confirm the actual move-in date, based on the severity of all associated risks. We will continue to follow the advice of public health experts and will adjust our plans accordingly.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding. With health and safety as our top priority, we want to make sure that each and every student is staying in a safe place and under proper supervision. When COVID-19 eventually subsides and our school determines that it is safe for all staff and students, with the clearance provided by the Ontario government, our school may decide to re-open the dormitory and extend the opening over the summer months. Details are yet to be determined and finalized.

We are also waiting for the government to update us on when the school closure will end. Once we receive this information, we will determine when it is safe for students to return to classrooms. Students will continue with online learning in the interim and will not lose their credits as long as they complete the online class work.

Please stay safe and take care of yourself and your family during the COVID-19 pandemic. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school.

Best Regards,

Mr. Lee Venditti,
Principal.