



J. Addison School

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) 2021-22 – Updated July, 2021

1. Will students be attending in-person or online classes for the first semester (Sep. 8, 2021-Feb. 3, 2022)?

Answer: Our school is prepared to welcome students to our school, both for in-class or online, as per schedule. Students learn most effectively in the classroom. There will be modifications in order to ensure enhanced health and safety measures. For students who prefer online or are experiencing travel restrictions, the online synchronous classes can be taken until such time they are able to join us in-person. However, we do need to follow government guidelines and if schools need to be closed to in-person learning, then all students will migrate to online learning for the duration mandated by government regulations.

2. How will classes operate?

Answer: We will have both in-class and online options available for all our school programs. Current evidence and experience support the concept that children can physically attend school in a carefully structured manner that protects children's health and minimizes risks from a public health perspective. We have altered our daily schedule by offering one course at a time for high school students. This will allow students to minimize movement within our school. In addition, we are enforcing physical distancing, wearing of masks, and regular hand hygiene throughout the day. Staff and students are to self-screen and submit a daily survey at home before coming to school and their temperature is checked on a daily basis upon arrival. All extra-curricular activities, including Focus For Success, and field trips will be cancelled until such time it is deemed safe to run again.

Relationships between schools and local public health units will be crucial to navigate the complex and evolving COVID-19 environment and addressing other child health issues that emerge.

3. Are international students with a valid study permit allowed to travel to Canada?

Answer: Yes, the Ontario Ministry of Education has approved our school's COVID-19 Plan and students with a valid visa are permitted entry into Canada to study at this time.

Official link: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/welcoming_international_students.html

4. Do students need to take a COVID-19 test and quarantine themselves for 14-days upon entering Canada?

Answer: Under the current Canadian government policies, all travellers must produce a negative COVID-19 test prior to boarding their flight to Canada. They will be tested again upon arrival, and then again on day 8 of their arrival. Effective July 5th, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada can have the 14-day quarantine and 8-day COVID-19 test waived. However, only approved vaccines are eligible, and the border officer has full authority to grant these waivers. Therefore, all students must have a 14-day self-quarantine arrangement made, whether it will be utilized or not. Students should expect to serve a

minimum 3-night quarantine which may be completed at a government authorized hotel (for students 18 years and up); minors travelling without an adult companion are exempt from this requirement. Please check this link often as information is continuously updated.

Official link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>

All dorm students must report their arrival date and time in advance. We have pre-determined move-in dates and times for new dorm students arriving in September and February (please see Important Reminders inside your Welcome Package). In addition, a negative COVID-19 test will also be required prior to moving-in to our dormitory (taken within 72 hours). Please reference our Travel Arrangement & Quarantine Requirement Guidelines for more details regarding preparations for your arrival.

5. Do you provide airport pick-up services for dorm students?

Answer: Yes, we can arrange airport pick-up services if you provide sufficient notification to our school. Please be advised that current restrictions do not allow non-travelling persons into the airport and we will provide specific instructions on where to meet our driver. We will update our procedures as changes are made by the airport and/or government to optimize safety.

6. What are the school's requirements for students arriving in Canada?

Answer: All students must provide the following documents two weeks prior to their travel to Canada:

- Flight Ticket;
- Completed and signed pages within the International Student Safe Travel, Arrival & Quarantine Guide for international students;
- Transportation Request Form (for dorm students only).

7. Is medical insurance required upon arrival in Canada?

Answer: Yes, all international students will need to have medical insurance coverage activated to ensure they can access medical services in case of emergencies. It is important for students to provide our school with their arrival date in advance so that we can ensure they will have coverage immediately upon arrival. Please keep in mind that online students who have arrived in Canada but have elected to study online must also notify our school to activate their medical insurance policy.

8. What is your plan for students who arrive late due to travel bans/restrictions and/or study visa/permit delays?

Answer: We have implemented online synchronous classes for students affected by travel bans/restrictions and/or study visa/permit delays so that students can continue learning real-time with their classmates and interact with their teachers. Classes will be recorded as well and saved on a secure network to facilitate future referencing.

9. Are international students permitted to join the online classes while waiting for study permit/visa approval?

Answer: Yes, the Study permit / Visa is required for international students studying at J. Addison School and students will be permitted to study online if they experience delays or difficulties arriving to our school. They will stay engaged with all their courses through synchronous classes online. This will allow them to benefit from real-time classes and participate in discussions with their teachers and peers in class.

Please note that once students start a course, they will start using their fees. Only unused fees can be refunded with admin fee deduction upon proof of visa/study permit rejection.

10. Do I need to be vaccinated to attend J. Addison School or live in the school dormitory?

Answer: All students who are residing in the dorm must be fully vaccinated, preferably with an approved Canadian COVID-19 vaccine. Alternatively, arrangements can be made by the dorm department to have dorm students vaccinated upon arrival after they serve the quarantine period and test negative. We strongly encourage all students ages 12+ to get fully vaccinated as well. Non-vaccinated students may not be able to participate in various school programs and/or may be subject to regular COVID-19 testing as well as additional COVID-19 safety protocols. We will be collecting COVID-19 vaccination info in addition to the standard immunization records we request.

11. Can students arrive at J. Addison School mid-year?

Answer: Yes, with our altered daily schedule, it will be more feasible for students to join our school mid-year with minimal loss of class time. See below an example of our course schedule:

Course 1 – Sep. 8 – Oct 8, 2021

Course 2 – Oct. 12 – Nov 12, 2021

Course 3 – Nov 15 – Dec 17, 2021

Course 4 – Jan. 4 - Feb. 3, 2022

Please contact one of our Admissions Officers for our detailed course schedule. (The school reserves the right to revert back to our traditional semestered program once it is deemed safe to do so. Change notifications will be provided at the earliest practicable opportunity).

12. Can I defer my child's acceptance to J. Addison School to February 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic concerns?

Answer: Generally, yes, but we are looking at each deferral request individually. Please write us and let us know your deferral plans and we can discuss them further.

13. Are there any tuition fee adjustments and recalculations for students taking online classes?

Answer: No, our tuition fee schedule for 2021-22 will stay the same. There will not be any tuition fee adjustments since students will enroll either in-class or online. Please note that once a student starts a course, both in-class or online, they will start using their tuition fees. Should a refund be requested due to unsuccessful visa/study permit applications, only the unused portion will be processed after the administration fees are deducted.

14. If schools are ordered to close in the middle of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what would be the arrangements for day and dorm students?

Answer: We will adhere to government guidelines, and if instructed to do so, the school campus will be under lockdown.

For day students, including elementary programs, they will continue online learning from home (unused fees will not be refunded).

For dorm students, our plan is to keep the dormitory open unless we are not permitted to do so. Dorm students will continue with online learning and remain in the dormitory, or may choose to return home

to their parents or stay with approved guardians/relatives locally (unused dorm fees will not be refunded). Should students choose to remain in the dormitory, they will not be allowed to leave the building during the lockdown without the school's approval.

15. What is your COVID-19 refund policy?

Answer: Refunds are only available with unsuccessful visa/study permit applications. Please note that once a student starts a course, both in-class or online, they will start using their fees. Unused fees can be refunded with administrative fee deduction upon proof of visa/study permit rejection. For all fees that cannot be incurred until the student's arrival to our school, these fees (i.e. dorm, meal plan, medical insurance, and uniform fees) will be fully credited and applied to the following semester.

16. How does J. Addison School's remote learning system work?

Answer: Due to the pandemic, we have been offering online classes, which are synchronous classes with our teachers. Due to the time difference, overseas students join our live classes from 9am-12pm only. Teachers use the afternoon as a work period for onsite students so that overseas students do not miss instructional time. This is an effective means of delivering our programs online, by allowing students daily interaction and participation with their teachers and classmates.

17. Do local transfer students (from another province) need to quarantine for 14 days?

Answer: According to government regulations, whether you drive or fly, if you travel within Canada, without leaving the country, there are no federal quarantine requirements, but there may be provincial or territorial rules and restrictions <https://www.ontario.ca/page/COVID-19-stop-spread#section-6>. The Ontario Government **strongly advises** that individuals and families self-isolate for 14-days when returning to Ontario from another province. Our school follows the Ontario Government guidelines and as part of our safety protocol, students must have a negative COVID-19 test (within 72 hours) prior to attending school as a day student or to stay in our dorm and quarantine for 14-days upon arrival. Exemptions will be allowed for government-approved fully vaccinated students, but please be mindful that a minimum 3-night quarantine will be required while awaiting COVID-19 test results.

18. Can students switch from online to in-person learning and from in-person to online learning during the academic year 2021-2022?

Answer: During our first academic semester from Sep 2021 to Jan 2022, students who register for online learning and want to switch to in-person learning must submit a negative COVID-19 test (done within 72 hours) and notify the school at least one week in advance of their desired return date to in-class learning. For students who register for in-person learning, they can switch to online learning at any time during the semester with advance notification to our school and/or principal at their earliest convenience (unused fees will not be refunded).

This list of FAQ's is intended to help answer the general questions we have been receiving regarding the 2021-22 academic school year. As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, we strongly urge you to check the government of Canada's website for updates that will affect your travel arrangements. We completely understand that individual circumstances may vary and encourage you to reach out to your Admissions Officer to address any specific questions you may have.

We are optimistic to return to regular school operations in the very near future and look forward to welcoming our students back in September!