

October 6, 2021

Memorandum to: Directors of Education

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

Subject: **COVID-19 Pulse Survey**

As you know, during the last school year school boards participated in the COVID-19 monthly Pulse Survey as a means of sharing information and data to inform provincial-level policies and planning, in support of keeping our schools healthy and safe.

To ensure the Ministry of Education has the most up to date information on key issues facing boards, we are continuing the COVID-19 Pulse Survey this year. Based on feedback from boards, we have redesigned the survey to be shorter and easier to respond to.

We recognize that circumstances continue to change and that having timely information will be valuable to our understanding of how to support boards to ensure a safe and healthy school environment.

We ask that each month boards complete the survey with the information from the previous month. Understanding the demands on boards and to provide flexibility, submissions can occur within the reporting window from the 1st of the month until the 15th of the month. For the month of September, we are requesting board submit their responses by October 14th. Please submit only one survey to represent your school board. We are asking that each board designate one person to be the point of contact for the survey that we can contact if needed.

The web-based survey can be accessed using this link: [COVID-19 Pulse Survey](#). The link will open each month 1 week prior to the submission deadline so that boards can submit updated information

It is important that the survey is completed using the web-based form provided to enable rapid review and analysis of your board information.

In addition, please see attached user guide to support completing the survey. This user guide provides an overview of the questions, along with supporting descriptions and definitions.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact: Sarah Dunsford at Sarah.Dunsford@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your participation

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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