

Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) would like to recognize the extensive work that has been underway by all school boards during the summer months to prepare for the safe 2020-2021 school re-opening.

We are pleased to provide Directors of Education with training resources to support the school administrators **to provide training to all teachers and education workers during the mandatory professional activity day** which is designated for training on health and safety protocols in response to COVID-19, prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year.

PSHSA developed these resources with input from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Working Group – Health & Safety. They outline precautionary measures and guidelines to make schools safer for everyone when in-school activities resume this September and present a set of strategies, resources, tips and best practices to help school board staff understand COVID-19 and the measures required in preventing its spread and include a:

- Train the trainer Recorded Webinar for training facilitators
- Resource Guide for training facilitators and all staff
- Instructor's Manual for training facilitators (*with SLIDE image, notes and the Answer Key for activities*)
- Participant's Workbook for all staff

You will find the materials on our website at the following link: www.pshsa.ca/backtoschool. (French resources to follow)

Please note that these training materials focus on the health and safety of all school board staff and complement the previously released Ministry of Education Health and Safety training materials and do not replace them. Both sets of training materials can be utilized to support staff training during the mandatory professional activity day prior to school reopening.

Due to unique regional and school circumstances, the recommendations in this training should be adapted to address all applicable laws and specific requirements based on the level of risk in the workplace. Ontario teachers and education workers are encouraged to engage and consult with all applicable workplace parties including senior leadership, health and safety professionals, the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC), human resources, teacher federations and education worker unions when carrying out these recommendations.

School boards and Health and Safety Committees are encouraged to establish a process to review new and evolving information as it becomes available and communicated by their local Public Health units, Public Health Ontario, Ontario's Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, PSHSA and the Public Health Agency of Canada.