

1 **Protocol:** Understanding the Impact of Public Health Measures Planned for School Reopening
2 during COVID-19 using Simulation Exercises (Back to School Study)

3 **Version:** 2.0, 22-Sep-2020

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Summary of Changes

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7 An amendment has been drafted to the Back to School study protocol. The following is a
8 summary of key changes to the previous version of the protocol (1.0, August 6, 2020)
9 including the rationale for each change. Formatting changes and minor administrative
10 changes (typos, grammatical changes, minor clarifications in wording) are not included in
11 this table.

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Original Text	Modified Text	Rationale
[Text addition]	A fourth REDCap questionnaire will be distributed to the teachers to collect demographic information (Data Collection Form 4 – Teacher Demographic)	We wished to be able to provide demographic information for our teachers (which was subsequently reported in a teacher qualitative substudy manuscript)

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16 **Protocol:** Understanding the Impact of Public Health Measures Planned for School Reopening
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Summary of Changes

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26 this table.
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Original Text	Modified Text	Rationale
The primary outcome will be the number of hand-to-face contacts per hour per student.	The primary outcome will be the number of hand-to-face contacts per hour per student on day 2	We wished to clarify that measurement was only intended to take place on Day 2
Self-reported experiences of students and teachers in a qualitative substudy.	Self-reported experiences of students and teachers in a qualitative substudy (e.g., anxiety, mental health)	We wished to clarify what type of information was being sought via the self-reported experiences.
We will use a mixed linear regression model adjusted for age and sex with a random intercept for class to analyse the primary outcome. 95% confidence intervals will be bootstrapped.	We will use a mixed linear regression model adjusted for age and sex with a random intercept for class to analyse the primary outcome. 95% confidence intervals will be bootstrapped. Subgroup analyses planned a priori included sex, ethnicity, school type (private vs. public), no mask recommendation (JK – Gr 4 vs. Gr 5 – 12)	Upon finalizing the manuscript it came to our attention that we had not indicated in the protocol that our results would be subject to subgroup analyses; however, this was always our intention and so the <i>a priori</i> subgroups were specified. This protocol change was done prior to outcome ascertainment.

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