>> Nathan: EXAMINING CONCERNS OVER COVID-19 AND HOW STUDENTS CHOOSE TO LEARN.
DESPITE FEARS OF A FALL WAVE, TONIGHT NEW NUMBERS SHOW A BIG DROP IN ONLINE LEARNING.
GOOD EVENING.
WE'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE START OF ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR.
KIDS HEAD BACK TO CLASS IN JUST TWO WEEKS.
>> Michelle: AS THE ANTICIPATION GROWS, WE'RE GETTING AN IDEA OF HOW MANY PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON AND HOW MANY WILL STAY AT HOME AND LEARN VIRTUALLY.
CTV'S AUSTIN DELANEY IS LIVE IN SCARBOROUGH TONIGHT WITH THE DETAILS.
AUSTIN.
>> Reporter: WELL SINCE THE STUDENTS WERE LAST IN SCHOOL, SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.
SO MANY MORE OF THEM ARE NOW VACCINATED.
SOME HAVE BOOSTER SHOTS.
IN FACT SO MANY ARE VACCINATED THE TDSB SAYS LESS THAN 5,000 WILL BE LEARNING VIRTUALLY.
>> Reporter: TDSB SAYS IT'S NO SURPRISE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RETURNING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL IS UP SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.
>> Reporter: FOR SOME WE KNOW THAT IN-PERSON LEARNING WORKS BEST FOR THEM BUT WE KNOW OTHERS, SOMETIMES VIRTUAL LEARNING IS THE BEST ROUTE FOR THEM AND HAS BEEN THROUGH COVID.
>> Reporter: 3,300 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE REGISTERED FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING IN SEPTEMBER, DOWN FROM 17,000 THE
LAST LEARNING YEAR.
OVER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, JUST 1,500 STUDENTS OPTED FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING COMPARED TO 8,000 IN THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OPTING FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING WILL NOT BE SEEING THEIR USUAL TEACHERS.
>> THIS YEAR WE HAVE A STAND ALONE SECONDARY VIRTUAL SCHOOL. SO IT WILL BE A CENTRAL VIRTUAL SCHOOL THAT SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL ATTEND.
FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS THEY'LL BE STILL ATTENDING THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL.
>> Reporter: THE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.
>> IT'S A GREAT SIGN AND IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR LITTLE KIDS TO BE IN SCHOOL.
I THINK, YOU KNOW, IF WE'VE LEARNED ANYTHING OVER THE LAST FEELS LIKE DECADES BUT MAYBE TWO AND A HALF YEARS IT'S THAT THOSE IN-PERSON RELATIONSHIPS, ALL THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL BUT ALSO ALL THE LEARNING THAT HAPPENS THROUGH INTERACTIONS, IN-PERSON INTERACTIONS, ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.
FOR LITTLE KIDS, HIGH SCHOOL KIDS.
>> Reporter: OUTSIDE THIS PUBLIC SCHOOL TODAY...
>> A LOT OF PENT UP ENERGY, MISSING THE SOCIALIZATION, THE INTERACTION WITH THEIR TEACHER.
>> IT IS ABOUT TIME THEY NEED THE EDUCATION AND TO BE IN THE CLASSROOM AND WHERE THEY'RE HAVING THE FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING BECAUSE IT'S BETTER FOR THEIR MINDS.
>> I KNOW YOU'RE NOT CRAZY ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL BUT WOULD YOU RATHER GO ONLINE OR BACK TO
CLASS?
>> ONLINE SO RECESS I CAN PLAY VIDEO GAMES AND EAT ALL THE SNACKS I WANT.
>> Reporter: AND THE SNACKS ARE IMPORTANT, ALSO IMPORTANT SHE SAYS, KIDS SHOULD BE VACCINATED TO KEEP THE ODDS OF AN OUTBREAK LOW.
REPORTING LIVE, I'M AUSTIN DELANEY.
>> Nathan: THANK YOU, AUSTIN. FROM HEADING BACK TO CLASS TO RETURNING TO OFFICE.
COMING UP, THE TREND OF SHORTENING THE WORK WEEK.
THE TORONTO COMPANY GIVING IT A TRY AND THE INTERNATIONAL STUDY BACKING THE IDEA.
DETAILS COMING UP.
>> Michelle: IT'S AN ISSUE THAT JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GOING AWAY.
>> Nathan: MONTHS AFTER WE REPORTED ON LONG LINE-UPS FOR PASSPORTS AND OTHER FEDERAL DOCUMENTS, THE PROBLEM PERSISTS.
CTV'S ANDREW BRENAN IS IN BRAMPTON.
A FRUSTRATING SITUATION FOR ANYONE FORCED TO WAIT.
>> Reporter: NATHAN AND MICHELLE, FOR MANY THIS IS THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH CANADA AFTER ARRIVING HERE COMING INTO A LINE AT THE AIRPORT AND THEN LINING UP TO GET DOCUMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN EVEN STUDY HERE.
DANIEL ARRIVED LAST THURSDAY.
HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF CANADA WAS LINES.
>> MY FLIGHT LANDED ABOUT 8 IN THE MORNING.
I WAS THERE TILL AFTER 3 TO 4 BECAUSE THE QUEUE WAS VERY LONG, A LOT OF STUDENTS COMING IN.
>> Reporter: AFTER THE AIRPORT, ANOTHER LINE TO GET A SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER.
MANY OTHERS HERE HAVE TRIED FOR
DAYS.
HERMAN SINGH HAS BEEN IN CANADA THREE DAYS, TWO OF THEM OUTSIDE A SERVICE CANADA OFFICE.
>> YESTERDAY I CAME HERE AT 11 O’CLOCK AND THE STUART SECURITY TOLD ME TO LEAVE BECAUSE I HAVE NO CHANCE.
I CAME TODAY AT 5 O’CLOCK.
>> Reporter: MANY AGAIN TURNED AWAY BY MIDDAY AFTER WAITING ALL MORNING.
THE LUCKY FEW CLOSER TO THE FRONT HAD THEIR NAMES TAKEN DOWN TO RETURN LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. AIRPORTS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPERIENCING THEIR OWN DELAYS. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, MANY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND NEW ARRIVALS WOULD APPLY FOR THEIR SIN CARD ONCE THEY TOUCHED DOWN BUT THE SERVICE CANADA OFFICE AT PEARSON REMAINS CLOSED.
SERVICE CANADA WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMMENT BEFORE AIR TIME.
DEMANDS FOR PASSPORTS HAVE LED TO LINES AT OFFICES FOR MONTHS.
DELAYS DEEMED UNACCEPTABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT, NOW THOSE LINES ARE ECLIPSED BY PEOPLE SEEKING SIN CARDS.
>> YESTERDAY I CAME HERE 7:00 A.M., AND THEN I REALIZED IT WAS NO USE AFTER DAWN.
>> Reporter: EVEN AFTER THEY TOOK DOWN HIS NAME, HE STAYED, NOT WANTING TO TAKE ANY CHANCES.
>> CAME HERE IN THE MORNING SO LIKE THAT, YOU’RE GOING TO GET YOUR CHANCE BUT NOT GETTING THE CHANCE AGAIN, YOU KNOW, HAVING TO WAIT THROUGH THE DAY, IT’S NOT EASY.
>> Reporter: HE'S ARRIVED IN CANADA BUT STILL WAITING TO GET SETTLED.
AND A BITTERSWEET UPDATE TO MENDY’S STORY.
AFTER BEING HERE FOR OVER 10 HOURS TODAY, HE WAS FINALLY ABLE
TO LEAVE WITH AT LEAST HIS
TEMPORARY SOCIAL INSURANCE
NUMBER.
HE'S MOVING ON TO TRY TO STUDY
AT FANSHAWE TO BE A NURSE
ADMINISTRATOR.
FOR SO MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY,
THEY'RE BEING TOLD THEY HAVE TO
COME BACK TOMORROW OR GAVE UP IN
FRUSTRATION AND THERE WILL BE
LINES AGAIN HERE AT 4 OR 5 IN
THE MORNING TOMORROW.
REPORTING LIVE, ANDREW BRENNAN,
BACK TO YOU MICHELLE.
>> Michelle: NOT FUN AT ALL.
THANK YOU, ANDREW.
FERRY SERVICE TO THE TORONTO
ISLANDS IS RUNNING AT FULL
SCHEDULE AFTER ONE OF THE BOATS
CRASHED INTO A DOCK OVER THE
WEEKEND.
12 PEOPLE HAD MINOR INJURIES
WHEN THE SAM MCBRIDE FERRY HIT
THE DOCK.
THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
AND THE CITY ARE INVESTIGATING
THE CAUSE BUT IN THE MEANTIME,
TRANSPORT CANADA HAS GIVEN THE
GREEN LIGHT FOR THE VESSEL TO
SAIL AGAIN.
OFFICIALS SAY IT'S READY TO GO
INTO SERVICE WHENEVER DEMAND
CALLS FOR IT.
>> Nathan: THERE'S WELCOME
RELIEF AT THE GAS PUMPS BUT IT
COMES WITH A WARNING.
THE PRICE FOR A LITRE OF REGULAR
HAS FALLEN BELOW 1.60 PER LITRE
ACROSS SOUTHERN ONTARIO, DOWN
NEARLY 60 CENTS FROM THE PEAK
EARLIER THIS SUMMER.
GAS PRICES HAVEN'T BEEN THIS LOW
SINCE FEBRUARY AND IT'S EXPECTED
THEY COULD GO BELOW 1.55 BY THE
HE BED OF THE WEEK.
BUT INDUSTRY EXPERTS SAY THE
DROP ISN'T LIKELY TO LAST.
>> GASOLINE MAY NOT BE BACK TO
2.15.9 AS WE SAW JUNE 11TH BUT
PRICES COULD GO UP TO 1.90.
>> Nathan: DAN MCTEAGUE SAYS
THE MARKET IS VOLATILE AND
EUROPE IS STILL FACING AN ENERGY
SHORTAGE LINKED TO THE WAR IN
UKRAINE.
HE SAYS THAT MEANS PRICES CAN'T
STAY WHERE THEY ARE.
>> Michelle: HEADING OUTSIDE,
SUNNY, HOT AND HUMID TO MARK THE
MIDDLE OF THE WEEK BUT WE COULD
SEE SHOWERS MOVE IN.
JESSICA SMITH IS HERE WITH THE
CURRENT CONDITIONS.
WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?
>> WE'RE WATCHING A LOW NOW JUST
WEST OF THE GREAT LAKES.
IT WILL TRACK ACROSS FURTHER
NORTH BUT TRICKLE DOWN IN THE
WAY OF SCATTERED SHOWERS.
WE'RE SEEING A FEW PASS THROUGH
ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE
EARLY EVENING.
THEY WILL BE BRIEF AND VERY
QUICK.
STILL VERY HUMID OUTSIDE.
LOOKING AT THE HUMIDEX VALUES
INTO THE MID 30s FOR MANY AS
WE GET THROUGH THE EARLY PART OF
OUR NIGHT.
BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS IT GETS A
LITTLE COOLER OVERNIGHT AS WE
HEAD THROUGH THE ISLANDS AND
OVER TOWARDS PEARSON.
26, 27 BUT FEELS INTO THE MID
30s.
TONIGHT DROPPING TO 17 WHICH IS
PRETTY CLOSE TO SEASONAL.
WE WON'T GET THERE UNTIL LATER
ON IN THE WEEK BUT IT COMES AT A
PRICE IN THE MORE OF WAY RAIN.
DETAILS COMING UP.
>> Michelle: THANK YOU.
STILL TO COME ON CTV NEWS, AN
ANNIVERSARY OF WAR ON A DAY OF
DEPENDANCE.
MIXED EMOTIONS FOR UKRAINIANS.
SHOWS OF SOLIDARITY IN TORONTO
AS THE INVASION HITS THE SIX
MONTH MARK.
>> Nathan: MORE TONIGHT ON
EFFORTS TO ADDRESS AN OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN TORONTO.
>> Michelle: A DAY AFTER NEW NUMBERS ILLUSTRATED THE HUMAN COST, WE HAVE AN INSIDE LOOK AT A SPECIALIZED CLINIC HELPING WOMEN BATTLE ADDICTION. CTV'S BETH MACDONELL REPORTS.
>> HI, WELCOME TO MICHAEL GAREN WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT.
>> Reporter: NEW AND BADLY NEEDED, MICHAEL GAREN HOSPITAL SAYS THIS IS THE ONLY WITHDRAWAL SERVICE FOR IDENTIFYING WOMEN LIVING WITH SUBSTANCE USE CONCERNS BETWEEN OSHAWA AND BATHURST STREETS.
>> THE NEED IS IMMENSE. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF AN OPIOID PANDEMIC IN THE CITY AND PROVINCE AND COUNTRY, AND PARTICULARLY SO FOR WOMEN.
>> OUR INTAKE AREA WHERE OUR CLIENTS WOULD HAVE A PRIVATE ADMISSION DONE BY A COUNSELOR.
>> Reporter: OPERATING 24/7, CLIENTS CAN SELF REFER OR RECEIVE A REFERRAL FROM A CLINICIAN.
ONCE REGISTERED, THERE IS AN ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM, SHOWER, AND PLACE TO WASH CLOTHES.
>> THIS IS OUR SIX BED INTAKE AREA.
HISTORICALLY PAIN CRAWL MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN NON-MEDICAL BUT WE'VE INCORPORATED THE NURSING TEAM.
>> Reporter: THEY SAY IT'S VITAL AS SO MUCH STIGMA PERSISTS. MANY COME WITH TRAUMA AND COMPLEXITIES THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SEEK TREATMENT AND TAKE TIME AWAY FROM THEIR DAILY LIVES LIKE CARE GIVING AND CHILDREN.
CLIENTS STAY AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN DAYS.
THE FACILITY HAS 16 BEDS AND
OPENS MONDAY.

>> WHAT BROUGHT ME WAS DESPERATION, AND WHAT KEPT ME WAS THE HOPE THAT WAS OFFERED.

>> Reporter: IN 1999, GAYLE WAS 47 STRUGGLING WITH A COCAINE ADDICTION WHEN A CLOSE FRIEND PASSED AWAY.
ONE DAY SHE HAILED A CAB, WENT TO EMERGENCY, AND GOT REFERRED TO DETOX.

>> DARK. THERE WAS VERY FEW WINDOWS.
THERE WAS FOUR BEDS FOR WOMEN AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY BEDS FOR MEN, AND THE SMELL... YEAH, THE SMELL.

>> Reporter: NOW 70, SHE SAYS