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SEA VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN

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Preventing Communicable Diseases in K-12 Schools:

As per the Provincial Health Officer's order, we are no longer required to maintain a COVID-19 Safety Plan but are transitioning instead to a **Communicable Disease Prevention Plan**.

Communicable disease prevention focuses on reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, and includes both ongoing measures (e.g. hand hygiene, cleaning) and additional regional measures to be implemented as advised by public health.

Public health strongly encourages all eligible students and staff to be fully vaccinated (i.e., receive 2 doses) against COVID-19 to protect themselves and those around them.

Measures, Practices and Policies to reduce risk:

Daily Health Check

- Please assess your children daily for illness before sending them to school. Please keep your child at home if they are sick or have symptoms of illness.
- The K-12 Health Check App can be used by students and parents to help with the daily health check.
- <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- Before coming to work all staff members must conduct a daily health check/self-assessment and upon arrival at work must complete a *Daily Personal Health Check*;

Protocols for Staff/Students who become sick while at school

- Students and staff who become sick while at school/work will be sent home as soon as possible.
- We understand that some students or staff may not be able to be picked up immediately.
 - Students and staff who are sick and waiting to be picked up/unable to leave will be isolated in the sick room (beside the secretary office space).
 - The student or staff member who is sick will be provided with a non medical mask.
 - Younger children will be supervised in the room by a staff member wearing a mask and face shield.
 - Supervising staff should wear a non-medical mask and face shield if they are unable to maintain physical distance, avoid touching bodily fluids as much as possible, and thoroughly wash and sanitize hands.

Drop Off & Pick Up

- Parents/caregivers are asked to drop-off/pick-up students outside of the school.
- Mrs Summer's class will enter by their external classroom door. Mr Tanner's class will enter by the main external door to the upper building.
- Students will be asked to line up on the dots before entering the school to ease the flow of people entering at once.
- Students will be greeted by their teacher and asked to use the hand sanitizer provided before entering their classroom.
- Students may attend breakfast club from 8:30am where hand sanitizer will be provided.

Visitor Access

- We are asking parents to make appointments with the staff they wish to visit (or through the school office), and may enter the school once they have signed in at the front door and checked in at the school office.
- Updated information for visitors will be posted by the entrance to the school, on the school's website and included in communications to students and families.
- Exterior doors with the exception of main school entrances will be kept locked during the day to limit entry to facilities.

Hand Hygiene

- Rigorous hand-washing with plain soap and water is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness.
- Sea View School staff will promote the importance of diligent hand hygiene to students. There are posters in washrooms showing how to wash hands properly and staff will explicitly teach good hand hygiene practices to younger students.
- Hand-washing will be encouraged upon school entry and before/after breaks and eating, using washroom and using frequently touched shared equipment.
- All classrooms currently in use have sinks for hand washing, as well as hand sanitizer available.
- Hand sanitizing stations are positioned at entrances.



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Hand Hygiene

SOAP OR ALCOHOL-BASED HAND RUB: Which is best?



Remove hand and wrist jewellery

Either will clean your hands: use soap and water if hands are visibly soiled.

HOW TO HAND WASH



1 Wet hands with warm (not hot or cold) running water



2 Apply liquid or foam soap



3 Lather soap covering all surfaces of hands for 20-30 seconds



4 Rinse thoroughly under running water



5 Pat hands dry thoroughly with paper towel



6 Use paper towel to turn off the tap

HOW TO USE HAND RUB



1 Ensure hands are visibly clean (if soiled, follow hand washing steps)



2 Apply about a loonie-sized amount to your hands



3 Rub all surfaces of your hand and wrist until completely dry (15-20 seconds)



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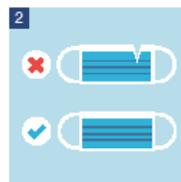
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How to Wear a Face Mask



1 Wash your hands with soap and water for 20-30 seconds or perform hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand rub before touching the face mask.



2 Check the new mask to make sure it's not damaged.



3 Ensure colour side of the mask faces outwards.



4 Locate the metallic strip. Place it over and mold it to the nose bridge.



5 Place an ear loop around each ear or tie the top and bottom straps.



6 Cover mouth and nose fully, making sure there are no gaps. Pull the bottom of the mask to fully open and fit under your chin.



7 Press the metallic strip again to fit the shape of the nose. Perform hand hygiene.



8 Do not touch the mask while using it, if you do, perform hand hygiene.

Removing the Mask



9 Replace the mask if it gets wet or dirty and wash your hands again after putting it on. Do not reuse the mask.



1 Perform hand hygiene.



2 Do not touch the front of your mask. Lean forward, gently remove the mask from behind by holding both ear loops or ties.



3 Discard the mask in a waste container.



4 Perform hand hygiene.



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If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.



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Non-medical inquiries (text, travel, physical distancing): 1-888-COVID19 (1888-268-4319) or text 604-630-0300



Masks

- Staff are required to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses.
- All students in grades 4-12 are required to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses.
- Students in grades K to 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors and on school buses. Mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for K-3 students, and their choices must be respected.
- The Sea View School Office will have non-medical masks available for students who forget theirs.
- All visitors are required to wear a mask when they are inside our school.

Supporting Students with Diverse Abilities/Disabilities

- Supporting students with disabilities/diverse abilities may require staff providing support services to be in close physical proximity or in physical contact with the student.
- For students in Grades K to 3, the student or parent/caregiver should decide whether or not the student should also wear PPE such as a mask or face shield when receiving services in close physical proximity.
- Students in Grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when receiving services indoors if a barrier is not present.
- When staff are working with a student indoors, and the service cannot be provided from behind a barrier/screen, staff are required to wear a non-medical mask, a face covering or a face shield.

Ventilation and Circulation

- When possible windows and/or doors will be open to allow for natural ventilation.
- The HVAC system at Sea View School has upgraded MERV filters and the district will maintain filters in line with OHS regulations.
- Where possible, teachers are encouraged to move activities outdoors when weather permits.

Cleaning Protocols

- General cleaning of the premises, and cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, at least once in a 24-hour period.
- Clean and disinfect any surface that is visibly dirty.
- Empty garbage containers daily.

* The recommended cleaning and disinfecting frequency for K-12 schools and other community settings outlined above was determined by infection prevention and control experts at the BC Ministry of Health, BC Centre for Disease Control and the Provincial Health Services Authority.

Bussing

- Students walk to Sea View Elementary School or are dropped off by parents.
- When using the school busses for field trips, staff and students in grade 4 and above will be required to wear a mask; students in K-3 will be encouraged to wear a mask. All staff and students will follow the district safety policies in place at the time of use.

Supportive School Environments

- Staff at Sea View Elementary School will utilize positive and inclusive approaches to engage students in the preventive practices outlined in the following plan.
- Staff will be reminded to utilize a trauma-informed lens when planning school activities and interacting with other staff and students, including considerations around respecting the personal space of others.
- We understand that staff, students, and parents may have different levels of comfort with the measures in place.

Developing & understanding Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for Schools:

- The **Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings** have been developed by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the BC Centre for Disease Control, Indigenous rightsholders and education partners, including district/school leaders, teachers, support staff, and parents.
- These guidelines are based on the public health guidance developed by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control (PHO, & BCCDC).
- Staff at Sea View Elementary School are attending an Orientation session on September 7th prior to returning to classrooms for an overview of measures and to understand how these will be implemented at our school.

Additional Regional Measures that **may** come into effect throughout the year are likely to be similar to some of those in place during the 2021-21 school year and **may** include such things as:

- Limits on gatherings and in-person events;
- Reconfiguring room arrangements or incorporating more activities that maximize space between people and reduce face-to-face contact;
- Limiting visitors;
- Recommending increased mask use.

Monitoring and Updating Plan as Necessary

- Staff and parents will be provided with any new information in a timely manner;
- New information relating to communicable diseases is posted on the health and safety board for staff to access and will be communicated out via the school website;
- The following groups will meet for regular review of communicable disease plans:
 - District Joint Health and Safety Committee;
 - Site based Health and Safety Committee;
 - Staff
 - Partner Groups