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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) (i.e., receive 2 doses) and get a booster dose against COVID-19 to protect themselves and those around them.

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 attended 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. On January 4th staff reviewed the latest measurements and updated this plan.

Additional Regional Measures that **may** come into effect throughout the year are likely to be similar to some of those in place during the 2020-21 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

Communication:

Sea View School will consistently communicate guidance, recommendations and orders from regional Medical Health Officers, and the Provincial Health Officer.

The school Principal will relay information to staff, and families using multiple formats such as newsletters, the school website, the school Facebook site, email or text messages.

The school Principal will email on-call employees the schools COVID protocols upon acceptance of the work.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Parents/caregivers are asked to drop-off/pick-up students outside of the school.

Mrs. Summer's and Ms. Shiels' classes will enter by their external classroom doors. 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.

Supportive School Environments

Staff at Sea View Elementary School will utilize positive and inclusive approaches, through a trauma-informed lens, to engage students in the preventive practices outlined in the following plan.

We understand that staff, students, and parents may have different levels of comfort with the measures in place.

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*.

Students and staff who experience symptoms consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition, such as seasonal allergies, can continue to attend school/work while experiencing these symptoms as normal.

Hand Hygiene

Rigorous handwashing 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 properly wash hands and staff will explicitly teach and re-view good hand hygiene practices with all students.

Handwashing will be encouraged upon school entry, before/after breaks and eating, using washroom, and using frequently touched shared equipment.

All classrooms currently in use have sinks for handwashing, as well as hand sanitizer available. Hand sanitizing stations are also positioned at school entrances.



Coronavirus COVID-19

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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



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)



Ministry of Health



BC Centre for Disease Control

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

COVID-19-01

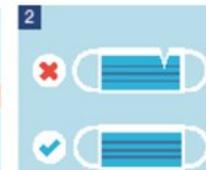


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1 Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds



2 Choose a mask: surgical or KN95/N95 equivalent



3 Position the mask: correct vs incorrect placement



4 Adjust the mask: 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.



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Removing 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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Non-medical inquiries (ex. 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 K-12 are required to wear a mask indoors in schools and on school buses.

The Sea View School Office will have non-medical masks available for students and staff who forget theirs.

All visitors are required to wear a mask when they are inside our school. If they do not have one with them, one will be provided to them at the office.

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.

When staff are working with a student indoors, staff are required to wear a non-medical mask, a face covering or a face shield.

When working with a student with a mask exemption staff will use a barrier and/or face shield in addition to their mask.

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 if physical distancing is unable to be maintained.
- 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.

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.

Schools are responsible for ensuring visitors, including itinerant teachers and SD personnel not usually on site, are aware of the communicable disease protocols and have completed a daily health check, prior to entering the school.

A COVID protocol overview will be included in school newsletter and at the sign-in stations.

Exterior entrances will be kept locked during the day to limit entry to facilities. All adults sign in confirming they have done a health check.

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.

When weather permits, teachers are encouraged to move activities outdoors.

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.

After the isolation room has been used, it will be cleaned and disinfected.

** 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.*

Space Arrangements

Indoor spaces have been configured to maximize space between people allowing them to carry out intended activities without involuntary physical contact.

Whenever possible, students' seats have been arranged in a fashion where students are not facing each other.

Due to the size of the school grounds, there are 3 play zones for the 38 students to spread out in. This allows us to have the same recess/lunch schedule throughout the school without worrying about congestion.

Staff only Spaces

Sea View has a small staff consisting of 9 adults.

To prevent crowding, we have used the available space to spread people out within the buildings.

Rule of Thumb: Everyone must be able to move around the space without bumping into each other.

Masks must be worn unless eating or drinking.

Meetings

When necessary, staff meetings will occur virtually. Any meetings needed to occur in person will allow for social distancing and be held in a location in which we are less than 50% of the capacity limit.

As Sea View School consists of 38 students and 9 staff members, school assemblies will occur in the gymnasium as social distancing is possible and this number is less than 50% of capacity. No spectators will be invited to join assemblies.

Special assemblies, such as awards days, will be held virtually for parents to view.

All extra-curricular activities involving individuals from outside our school are paused.

Busing

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 K and above will be required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands as boarding. All staff and students will follow the district safety policies in place at the time of 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

