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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 and have transitioned 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 will attend an Orientation session on September 6th prior to returning to classrooms for an overview of measures and to understand how these will be implemented at our

Communication:

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

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, and are unable to participate fully in routine activities.

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>

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 review good hand hygiene practices with all students.



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)



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

COVID-19-01

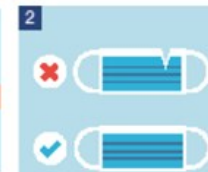


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1
Wash hands with soap and water, OR use hand sanitizer



2
Choose a mask that covers your mouth and nose, with a metallic strip to mold to the shape of your nose



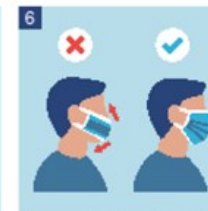
3
Place the mask over your nose and mouth, ensuring it fits snugly around your face



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.



9
Perform hand hygiene.

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

Masks in schools and on buses will be a personal choice for both students and staff members.

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

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.

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.
- Supervising staff should wear a non-medical mask if they are unable to maintain physical distance, avoid touching bodily fluids as much as possible, and thoroughly wash and sanitize hands.

Visitor Access

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 are aware of the communicable disease protocols .

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.

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.

** 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

Classroom and school configurations will be those that best meet learner needs and/or preferred educational approaches.

Community Use of Schools

Schools are available for community use, following the application process set out by the District.

Busing

When using the school busses for field trips, staff

Meetings

Meeting spaces will allow for social distancing and be held in a location in which we are less than 50% of the capacity limit.

School assemblies will occur in the gymnasium and will allow for social distancing.

Monitoring and Updating Plan as Necessary

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