

COVID-19 - Prevention Plan for The Return of Students

Due to the current pandemic situation, many measures will be taken by EDV from September 2020 to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all.

The information in this document is based on guidelines produced by Worksafe BC, the Department of Education and the BC Center for Disease Control.

KEY POINTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19

1. Students' arrivals

- All students who attend the school must be greeted by a staff member outside the school. Students should wait in front of portable 1 for a staff member to ensure that they do not have any obvious symptoms. After check in is done, the students will be redirected to the playground.
- When entering the school, students must follow the arrows for traffic. Students enter and exit through the door closest to their classroom.
- As soon as they enter the school, children should head to their classroom to drop off their belongings and wash their hands.



2. Learning groups

The Ministry of Education recommends the creation of learning groups of up to 60 students. These groups can interact during a regular school day in the classroom, at recess and at school-organized activities. Learning groups could be very useful in the event that public health authorities seek contact information. There will be two learning groups: K-3 students and 4-7 students.

3. School bus

Specific places will be assigned to students who take the school bus. Preferably, students from the same learning group will share a seat. Children from the same family can also sit together or nearby on the school bus.

4. Hand washing

- Hand washing is done with soap and water (more effective thanfrost). Staff and students wash their hands:
 - Entering school in the morning;
 - Entering the school after recess;
 - Before and after eating;
 - When transitioning from one room to another;
 - After being in the bathroom;

Before leaving school.



5. Playground and breaks

O All students will be able to interact at recess as long as they social-distance. The play structures will be open. The school recommends that students interaction with peers in their learning group.

6. Classroom teaching

o In the classroom, students will be able to interact and learn individually and in a small working group. However, sharing personal items and school materials is not encouraged.

7. Shared environment

- School staff and students are encouraged to exercise due diligence in regards to hygiene rules in the school:
 - Social distancing 2 meters
 - Avoiding touching one's face
 - Cleaning and disinfecting their work environment
 - Avoiding sharings foods or drinks
 - Coughing and/or sneezing up your sleeve.
- Wearing a mask is not mandatory, but if a student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must wear a mask until they leave school.



8. Practices for all

- Using electronic documents as much as possible
- Respecting social distancing measures at all times (2 meters) and encouraging students to do so
 on an ongoing basis. When it is necessary to assist a student, either because of an injury or
 discomfort, it is possible to use personal protective equipment
- o Frequently disinfecting one's workspace.

9. Use of bathrooms

- o When using the bathroom, make sure you follow social distancing
- Washing your hands before closing/touching the door
- o Following these handwashing recommendations:



10. Illness and symptoms

• Any student developing symptoms of COVID-19 infection during school hours should be isolated. The school will contact the student's parents to discuss how to return home.

11. Stay home if necessary

o If a student, parent or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, it is imperative that they avoid entering the building. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure the child's health before allowing him or her to go to school.

12. For more information

o For more information related to COVID-19 and back to school, please visit:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/childcare-schools

 $\frac{https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/education}{}$

https://www.csf.bc.ca/apprentissage-a-la-maison/