

Communicable Disease Prevention Measures

Vaccinations

- By far the best prevention measure to protect against COVID-19
- Promote vaccinations, generally, to staff and students
- Work with Interior Health to support increased vaccination uptake in the community
- Individuals aged 12 years and older are eligible
- Contact tracing guidance and isolation orders will consider a persons' vaccine status

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Stay home if ill or showing symptoms of illness:

- Perform a Daily Health Check
- Stay home if you show symptoms or are unwell
- Discuss working from home options (if available) with your supervisor

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Site Entry Procedures

- Perform a Daily Health Check (acknowledgement no longer required)
- Designate an entrance for visitors; wayfinding signage posted outside the facility
- Visitors and visiting staff to sign in at reception
- Maintain attendance lists for 45 days
- Sanitize hands upon site entry

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Spacing Arrangements

- No longer strict physical distancing (2m)
- Spread people out as much as possible
- Respect others' personal space
- Continue with foot traffic flow strategies
- Consider room occupancy limits

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Face Coverings

- Can provide an additional layer of protection when combined with other prevention measures
- Non medical masks required by staff, visitors and students (Grades 4-12) when indoors in schools and on school buses (some exceptions apply)
- Students in K-3 encouraged to wear masks indoors in schools and on school buses, but not required to do so

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Other Measures

- Cleaning (once per day for frequently touched items/surfaces)
- Continue electrostatic cleaning procedures to sanitize spaces once a day, destroying the COVID-19 virus
- MERV-13 filters placed in all schools over the summer
- Hand hygiene (no changes, continue as before)
- Gatherings can occur in line with Stage 3 requirements as well as any local orders (current Central Okanagan regional order restricts assemblies to 50 persons)
- Ventilation (no changes)
- Staff only spaces (WorkSafeBC guidance)

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Communicable Disease Plans

Schools are expected to transition from COVID-19 Safety Plans to Communicable Disease Plans:

- Site plans to be based on the District Communicable Disease Plan
- Review plan with JOHSC
- Orientate staff to the plan
- Post plan at reception and on school website

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Temporary Local or Regional Orders

In the event of a local or regional Public Health Order the stricter recommendation or Order will be followed.

During the current Interior Health Region outbreak, we are working with our local Medical Health Officer to follow the local temporary Public Health Order:

- No assemblies larger than 50 people indoors in single spaces
- Limiting visitors to schools
- Requesting that volunteers are fully vaccinated

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