

# 2021/22 SMS Summary of SD 83

## Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

The following summary has been reviewed by the Joint Health and Safety Committee and will be communicated to our school community.

### Health Check

- Staff and students are expected to complete their Covid-19 health check prior to entering the building/school bus (see attached Health Check). Stay home when you're sick and follow public health recommendations.
- Any staff or students who become ill while at school must go home.
- Students who are awaiting authorization to walk home or pick up due to exhibiting symptoms will wait in the designated "isolation" room.
- Health care provider notes (ie: doctor's note) are not required to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

### Face Masks

- Face masks are required in all indoor spaces as outlined by the Ministry of Education and local health authorities.

### Visitors

- Visitors are encouraged to make an appointment instead of coming to the school unannounced.
- Parents/guardians who are picking up a student before the end of the instructional day need to contact the office and are encouraged to meet their child outside.
- Sign-in protocols: health check; wear a mask; hand sanitizer; sign into visitor binder

### Hygiene/Cleaning

- High touch surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, handrails, faucet handles, and toilet handles will be cleaned at least once a day.
- Schools will continue using Vital Oxide and hand sanitizer.
- Hand cleaning facilities are available throughout the school.
- Staff and students are to wash/sanitize hands throughout the day
- Custodial hours with temporary increase for COVID
- If students are moving to a new space (explorations, platoon teaching) where their classroom will be used by a different group of students, teachers may choose to use Vital Oxide to clean the touch points (desktop and chair).
- Custodians will clean and disinfect the surfaces in spaces where a person who has developed symptoms of illness at school may have been (ie: desk in classroom, bathroom stall they used).

### Field trips

- Will occur in line with public health recommendations and Orders.
- Use of parent volunteers for driving groups of students is not permitted during stages 2 to 4.

## Personal space and strategies to prevent involuntary physical contact and congestion

- Personal space is the distance from which a person feels comfortable being next to another person.
- All students may arrive at the school site no earlier than 8:00 am. Grade 8 students will have access to inside the building at 8:10; Grade 6/7 students will have access to inside at the 8:20 bell.
- Continue to have hybrid meetings (online and in-person where there is room to ensure sufficient personal spacing)
- Please respect each other's personal space
- Please respect room occupancy limits (posted outside of common rooms)
- Lockers: Gradual roll-out TBA
- Continued use of floor markings and posters to help with traffic flow
- Use available space to spread people out, both in learning environments and for gatherings and events, where possible.
- Continued use of outdoor learning spaces as much as possible
- Classes will be assigned entry/exit doors (see attached map)
- Bus waiting areas: Front entrance; Side front entrance; top of the bus stairs at the fence.
- Staggered start and end of day (please see attached Bell Schedule)
- School-wide assemblies will be done either virtually or Team groupings

## PE/Athletics

- Students are not required to mask during high intensity PE activities (activities that significantly increase respiration rates)
- Changerooms will remain closed
- High intensity physical activity should occur outside whenever possible.

## Ventilation

- SD83 schools will have increased ventilation with a purging of the facility every day with additional air filtration. In schools where windows (or exterior door) can be opened, this will be encouraged.
- In case of a power failure, classes should open windows and exterior doors to improve air flow. Where this is not possible (div 131, 137, 136 – please go to room 125, library or gym respectively; a class that is already in this space should return to their regular classroom during the power failure).
- Portable fans/air conditioners are only used in ventilated spaces, with air moved high to low.

## Food Services/Water fill stations

- Food services can return to regular and food safety practices.
- There are 3 water fill stations around the school.

## Protocols for confirmed exposure at school

1. When a person tests positive for Covid-19, Public Health initiates contact tracing (please provide seating plans to the office).
2. If there is a potential exposure, Public Health will determine what actions should be taken.