

Exposure Control Plan - **Addendum**

COVID – 19 Communicable Disease Guidelines

Appendix G of the District Pandemic Plan

The School District Exposure Control Plan is governed by the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines; staff, students, and public are responsible for abiding by the District Exposure Plan when entering District facilities. The Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines should be referenced for more specific details.

Please follow the link for specific information on COVID-19 Communicable Disease guidelines:

- [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Setting – October 1, 2021 \(PDF\)](#) and
- [School District Exposure Control Plan](#) (October 4, 2021).

Introduction

In addition to the PHO Order today, BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has developed an [Addendum – Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) (December 29th, 2021) to ensure schools have effective measures in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Requirements

To ensure continued alignment with BCCDC direction, a Ministry [Addendum – Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) (December 29th, 2021) has been created. It outlines focused actions and additional prevention measures B.C. public and independent K-12 schools must implement in response to the recent rise of cases of COVID-19 due to the emergence of the more transmissible Omicron variant. With the spread of the more transmissible Omicron virus, we are providing clear direction to schools on extra precautions to keep schools safe for students, teachers and staff.

Districts are expected to have clear plans in place for the appropriate use of these administrative days including reviewing updates to the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 settings and updating health and

safety plans if required. All staff are required to attend staff meetings and planning meetings to review health and safety protocols and to plan for the continuity of instruction.

Enhanced safety measures include:

- Strategies that prevent crowding during class transition times.
- Hold school gatherings and events virtually; if they must be in-person, limit the number of people to no more than 50% operating capacity.
- Hold staff-only gatherings virtually where possible.
- Limit visitors to those who are supporting activities that directly benefit student learning and wellbeing
- Pause extracurricular sports tournaments.

The guidelines build on existing protocols that have succeeded in minimizing the spread of the virus in schools such as:

Encouraging everyone who is eligible, to get fully vaccinated

- Doing daily health checks, and staying home when sick
- Using available space to spread out, and to respect others personal space.
- Wearing masks in accordance with the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Face Coverings](#)
- Cleaning hands regularly
- Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces at least once a day