



Fact Sheet: Health and Safety in Vancouver Schools

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff is our number one priority. All health and safety guidelines directed by the Provincial Public Health Office and the Ministry of Education will be implemented in Vancouver schools.

Students, their families and staff can expect:

- Enhanced health and safety protocols that will include:
 - Enhanced cleaning.
 - Frequent hand washing/sanitizing.
 - Reminders to reduce physical contact and maximize physical distancing in all schools.
 - Frequent reminders about respiratory etiquette will take place.
 - Daily self-health assessments for all staff and students.
 - If a student or staff member is sick, they must stay home
 - If someone becomes sick while at school, they will be kept separate from others until they can be picked up or able to return home
 - Staggered pick-up and drop-off times will be in place at some elementary schools (depending on size and entry/exit points). Recess and lunch breaks may also be staggered.
 - At the secondary level, students will arrive for their scheduled class and flex time.
 - Lockers will not be available for use in secondary schools.
 - Secondary school schedules do not have a common lunch break for students.
 - All students will be reminded not to share their personal belongings, food or beverages.
 - As in June, entry into all schools will be limited to staff and students. Other visitors can request an appointment through school offices.
 - Directional signage and spacing reminders will be posted in all schools.
 - Masks will be provided through funding from the provincial government.
 - Every student and staff member will be given masks when they return to school.
 - Students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom.
 - Secondary students will wear masks while in high traffic areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of the classroom or learning group and they cannot physically distance from others.
 - Students in Grades 6 and 7 will wear masks while in high traffic areas like hallways or when outside of their learning group.
 - Staff in both elementary and secondary schools will wear masks while in high traffic areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of the classroom or learning group and they cannot physically distance from others.
 - Mask use and hygiene will be regularly reviewed in schools.
 - School windows will be open when possible. School HVAC systems will be set to increase the intake of outside air and to maximize air exchange in classrooms.

Watch our [video](#) about health and safety measures in Vancouver schools.