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September 1, 2021

Dear VSB Adult and Continuing Education school community,

Everyone at VSB Adult Education is excited to welcome students back to school on September 8, 2021! As announced by provincial government, the District is expecting a full return to in-person learning starting September 2021.

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment.

**Daily health assessments**

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school. The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. You can download the app on your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

**Wearing masks**

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas.

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons

- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
  - If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
  - While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

### **Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette**

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the District has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

### **Cleaning and disinfecting schools**

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the District. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24 hours.

### **School Visitors**

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors **by appointment only**. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please call the school. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

### **Keeping your distance**

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways and stairwells to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

### **Ventilation**

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing and upgrading filters, setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

### **More information**

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you in-person and supporting you on your educational journey.