

Staying Home and Self Isolating

Allergies and People with Chronic Medical Conditions with COVID-19-like Symptoms

Students or staff who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19-like symptoms, which are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school or work when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. **If they experience any change or worsening in symptoms they must seek assessment by a health-care provider. It will be important for people with these conditions to generally share that they have such a condition and to be treated with respect by others.**

Family or Household Members of Staff or Students with COVID-19

Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, provided the student/staff themselves are well/asymptomatic. It is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider. Staff and students who are close contacts (including household contacts) of a public health confirmed COVID-19 case must self-isolate (VCH) and not attend school.

Self-Isolation - Defined

When a person is to “self-isolate” this means that they must remain at home and stay isolated from others in the household and not get together with any other individuals, including family members. For more information visit www.bccdc.ca .

COVID-19 – Space to Isolate Any Person Who Becomes Symptomatic While At School

A room with a door will be designated at each school as a health room for isolating a sick student (or staff member) while awaiting pick-up by the parent/guardian. If this room is used, the building engineer/head custodian will be notified and conduct enhanced cleaning of this room.

Self-Isolation for International Travellers Returning to B.C.

All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before school begins to adhere to the self-isolation orders.

Fair Notice: All staff, students, or parents of students travelling internationally (including to the United States) for any reason or duration, must self-isolate for 14 days and cannot attend school or work. For students, teachers will not be expected to provide added supports during self-isolation for international travel. For staff, this self-isolation will be without pay, with the use of banked vacation as an option for those who have such time and choose to use it.

If someone in your household has to self-isolate due to international travel, the traveller needs to self-isolate, family members do not, and staff and students may attend work and school.