



Tecumseh Elementary School

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September 2021

Welcome back to school

Everyone at Tecumseh Elementary School is excited to welcome students back to school on September 8, 2021 (9:00—10:00 am)! As announced by the provincial government, the District is expecting a full return to in-person learning, starting September 2021. We are looking forward to a year of learning, sports, music and other extracurricular activities in person.

The health, safety, and well-being of students and staff continue to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. A variety of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures, as advised by health officials, will be in place again this year to help keep everyone safe.

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 onto 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](#)

If your child becomes ill while at school

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Please add Tecumseh Elementary School's Main Phone line (604-713-5390) to your phone contacts list so that it appears on the call display when the school is trying to reach you.

Wearing masks

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students in grades 4 to 12 and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

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.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors while in school and on school buses.

We have been very fortunate at Tecumseh Elementary School with the wonderful support from our families encouraging their children to wear their masks daily.

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.

At Tecumseh, students will sanitize their hands before entering the school, before and after eating, before and after using the gym/computer lab/library/iPads at school, before and after break times and before exiting the school at dismissal.

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 contact your child(ren)'s teacher or the Main Office at 604-713-5390. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, sanitize their hands, sign-in at the Main Office and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

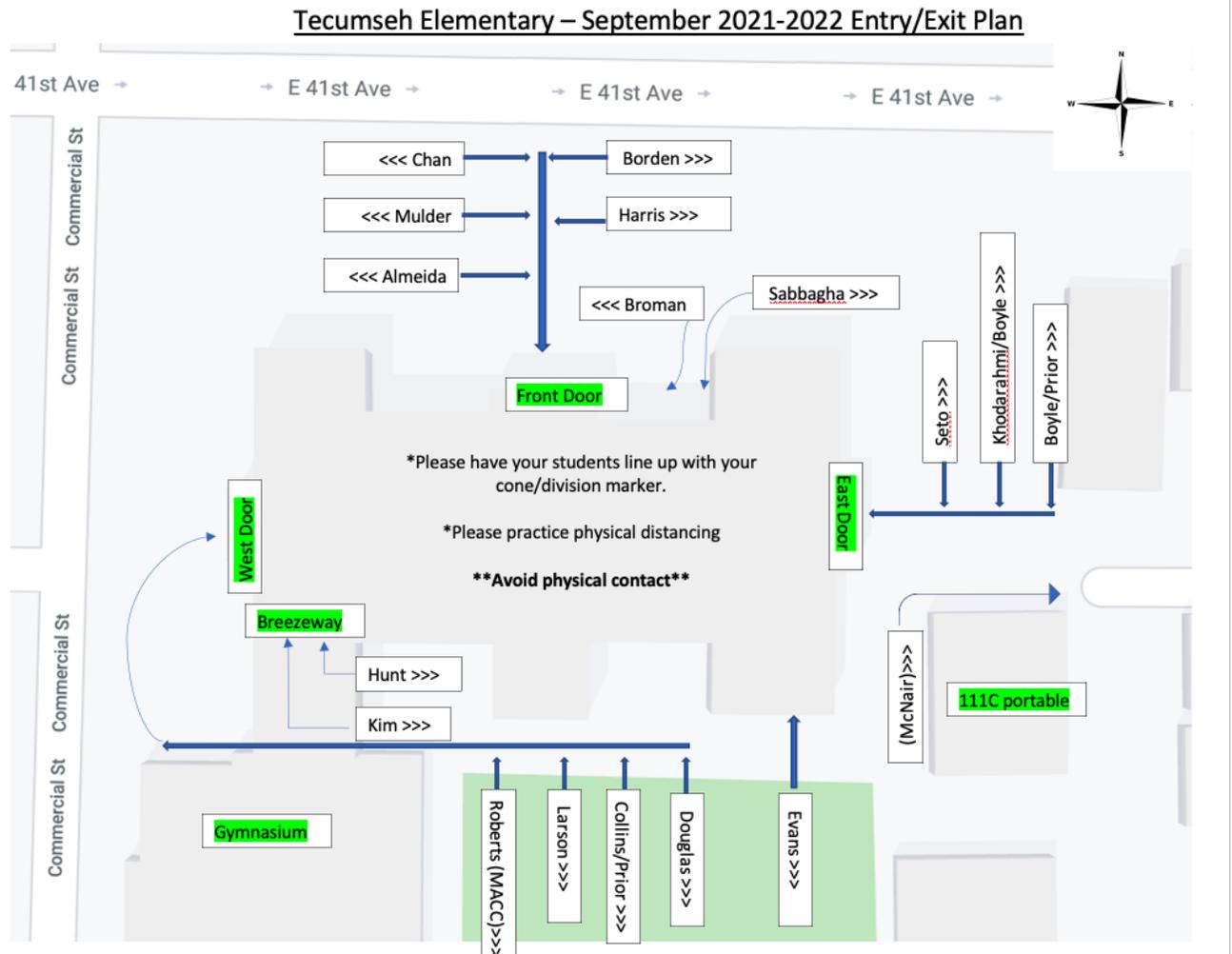
Keeping your distance

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways, in order to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, avoid physical contact 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.

In order to reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Tecumseh Elementary School:

- **In the morning**, all students will line-up outside at their designated area and await pick-up by their classroom teacher
- This year, we have carefully planned the use of all of our doors (4 main entry points and 4 classroom specific exit doors) for student ingress and egress. This will assist in spreading students around our large school site and improve traffic flow entering and exiting the school.
 - Specifically (please see the diagram):
 - For students with their classroom on the **top floor, East side** of the school, line up at your division marker/orange cone on the East side of the school (near the portables)
 - For students with their classroom on the **top floor, West side** of the school, line up at your division marker/orange cone on the basketball court area
 - For students registered in our **MACC** class, please line up at the division 4 marker/orange cone. **Please note:** The first day of student attendance for students in the MACC class is on September 9, 2021 (full day, 9:00—3:03 pm)
 - For students with their classroom on the Main Floor, line up at your division marker/orange cone at the North side/front of the school (East 41st Avenue side)
 - For Ms. Hunt's and Ms. Kim's students, line up at your division marker/orange cone near the breezeway
 - For Ms. Evans', Pam's and Ms. Sabbagha's students, line up at your division marker/orange cone near your classroom exterior exit door.
 - For students in the North Portable, line-up by the side door of the North Portable
 - Please note: This system will be different than last year's system since District-wide, there will no longer be staggered start and end times. We have carefully planned to spread our student population around our large site and worked to mitigate bottlenecks. **Students, please look for your Division marker/orange cone—it may not be in the same place as it was last year.**
 - **Please be patient.** As with any new system, things may not go smoothly at the beginning, and it will take some practice, but I am confident we can do it!

- At the end of the day/dismissal (3:03 pm), students will be dismissed out of the entry door they used in the morning at drop-off—please coordinate with your child(ren) where you will be waiting for them (example: by the Spiderweb climber, by the flagpole, by the bike racks etc.)
- Parents/Guardians—we will have 400+ students to move into and out of the school grounds. Please remember to maintain physical distance at all times. Following pick-up of your child(ren), please leave the school grounds quickly so crowds can smoothly and naturally disperse. Please consider coming back later to play on the playground once all crowds have dispersed.



Key: “>>” symbols indicate the direction of student line up, first student in line faces division marker/orange cone

Indicates the entry/exit door of each class

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 all learning spaces, can be opened to provide additional ventilation.

More information

More in-depth information from the provincial government, can be found using this link [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations, provided by the Vancouver Coastal Health, is available [here](#).

Other essential information

Student break times

- All students will be outside in the fresh air during their break times. Please dress for the weather. At Tecumseh, we have some rain ponchos available to support students who may need to borrow some wet weather gear
- Lunches will be eaten in each student's classroom before they head outside for fresh air/play time. Daily, please pack your child a recess snack, a lunch and a refillable water bottle (there is a touchless chilled water bottle station near the Main Office available for students to refill their water bottles as needed)

Schedule for the first week

- All students will be with their last year's teacher and classmates as we determine accurate enrolment numbers of returning students
 - If you are new to Tecumseh, please line up at the flagpole (North Side/East 41st Avenue)—teachers will come out to greet you and walk you to your temporary classes with students in your age group so you can meet some friends!
- September 8, 2021—Students are in attendance for one hour, 9:00—10:00 am.
- September 9th onwards—Students attend full day, 9:00 am – 3:03 pm
 - For students enrolled in **Ms. Roberts' District MACC Class**, your first day of school is September 9, 2021 (full day, 9:00—3:03 pm).
 - On September 9, 2021: For our incoming MACC students (Ms. Roberts' class), please line-up on the basketball court area at the Division 4 marker/orange cone
 - Daily, please pack a recess snack, lunch, and refillable water bottle
 - Please pack snacks/lunches that:
 - Do not need reheating
 - Include cutlery (Fork or spoon)
 - Are nut free
 - Children can eat independently
 - **There will be no drop-off of lunches or snacks accepted**
 - Daily, please dress for the weather (hats, sunscreen, raincoats, boots, etc.), as all break times will be outside in the fresh air. We are fortunate at Tecumseh, to have a very large play area for students to spread out and enjoy
- As soon as we have accurate enrolment numbers, we will move students into their new classrooms. There has been a lot of movement into and out of our catchment over the summer and we use the first few days of school to confirm enrolment and reorganize classes as needed to accommodate our in-catchment students

Traffic/Parking

- If it is possible, please walk with your child(ren) to school. Traffic around all schools can be a challenge at drop-off and dismissal times
 - On Commercial and Beatrice Streets, there is 3-minute drop-off parking available— please see City of Vancouver signage on the street
 - On East 43rd Avenue, there is longer term (30 minute) parking available
 - Please **do not** park in the **No Stopping Zone** on Commercial Street (near Commercial and East 41st Avenue) immediately adjacent to the school building. The City of Vancouver has this parking restriction so that the area remains clear for emergency vehicles should they need to attend the school. Parking in this area, even for a few minutes, creates unnecessary bottlenecks at this busy intersection
 - **The staff parking lot is for VSB authorized use only.** Please do not use the staff parking lot for student drop-off or pick-up.
- Traffic signs explained:

Keep the area around your school a safe place to walk, cycle and roll by following the posted signs. If you are driving, consider parking several blocks away and walking to the school. It's an active way to start and end the day.



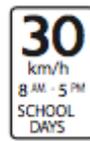
School Crosswalk
Drivers must yield to pedestrians and remain stopped at every marked and unmarked intersection until they reach the other curb.



School Zone
This sign reminds drivers they are entering a school zone and they should be alert.



Speed Humps
Speed humps are installed to reduce the speed of traffic and calm the street. Slow down around the school.



School Zone Speed Limit
On local streets in the school zone, drivers need to slow down to 30 km/hr between 8 AM to 5 PM.



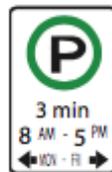
No Stopping (School days)
No vehicles are allowed here between 8 AM - 5 PM. This keeps sightlines clear and gives emergency vehicles somewhere to park.



Bus Zone
Only buses may park here. Vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their lights are flashing.



No Parking (School days)
Drivers may stop for no more than five minutes to drop-off and pick-up. A legal parking spot should be found to wait longer or enter the school.



3 Minute Parking (School days)
These spots are for quick pick-ups and drop-offs. Park and collect your child quickly to create a spot for another vehicle.

We remain flexible to the direction we receive from the Provincial Health Officer as we start the year and as we navigate the rest of the school year. We understand we may need to pivot from our initial planning. Please know, the health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority in the Vancouver School District.

We are looking forward to seeing our students' smiling faces. The school is just another building without the energy and pulse our students and staff bring each day. We look forward to a fruitful year of learning and new experiences.

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal