



Decker Lake Elementary School COVID-19 Action Plan at September 2020

"We're all in this together. Learning, kindness, caring, safe and calm."

Hierarchy for Infection Prevention and Exposure Control Measures for COVID-19 From the BC Centre of Disease Control

Most effective

Less effective

Public Health Measures

We work under the direction of our Northern Health. It is the Public Health Office that establishes any orders and directs us regarding decisions about contact tracing or other measures.

Environmental Measures

- DLES is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants guidelines. This includes a daytime custodian and additional custodial staff to clean after each school day.
- We learn and play outside at recess and lunch (weather permitting).
- We have plexiglass barriers at our front office and at our library circulation desk.
- We have signs related to the Health and Safety guidelines posted around the school. We will regularly remind each other to distance, wash our hands and use respiratory etiquette.
- We will continue to "move like traffic" in our hallways (stay to the right, right of way at intersections, look both ways before moving around a corner, etc.).
- Our windows are open when possible. Our HVAC systems are set to increase the intake of outside air and to maximize air exchange in classrooms.
- Classroom carpets will be stored away until further notice.

Administrative Measures

- We have organized our students to maximize the ability to minimize physical contact outside and in our shared spaces such as hallways. This includes:
 - Learning Groups (cohorts) of no more than 60 staff and students. Our student cohorts consist of two divisions (a primary and an intermediate class). There is a total of four cohorts.
 - At DLES, we will refer to these cohorts as clans. Every staff member and student has been assigned to a clan. We have four clans at our school.
 - Non-enrolling teachers, administration, and some support staff will form the fourth clan. Because they will need to interact with more than 60 students, they will need to practice physical distancing.
 - Recess snacks will be eaten inside before or after the break with supervision provided by the teacher.

Personal Measures

- Staff and student MUST stay home or go home and follow the direction of their health care provider when sick with common cold, influenza or COVID-19 symptoms. The Daily Health Check can be found at https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1095501&type=d&pREC_ID=1370090.
- We will actively teach and reinforce COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines with staff and students including:
 - reducing physical contact,
 - hand washing /sanitizing. There are sanitizing stations and/or handwashing sinks in each of our classrooms and spaces and at each of our entrances.
 - respiratory etiquette,
 - not sharing personal belongings, food or beverages.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Our students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom and/or Learning Group (cohort).
- Our staff will wear masks while in common areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of their classroom or learning group (cohort) and cannot physically distance from others.