



Decker Lake Elementary School

Communicable Disease Action Plan 2021/22

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 full-time 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. Optional tabletop barriers are available for staff to use when working with a small group of learners.
- We have signs related to the Health and Safety guidelines for handwashing posted at sinks around the school. We will regularly remind each other to 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 (10° C +). Our HVAC systems are set to increase the intake of outside air and to maximize air exchange in classrooms in accordance with WorkSafe standards.

Administrative Measures

- Recess snacks and lunch will be eaten inside the classroom with supervision provided by staff to ensure that students wash their hands before and after eating.
- Visitors are limited. All visitors will need to sign in and out of the school to assist with possible contact tracing.
- All staff members will be required to submit a Daily Health Check via TEAMS.
- All visitors and students need to complete a Daily Health Check and not enter the school if they are sick.

Personal Measures

- Staff and students 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.
- Diligent handwashing hygiene measures are in place throughout the day.
- We will actively teach and reinforce COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines with staff and students including:
 - limit 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

- K-7 Staff will be required to wear a mask while indoors.
- K-7 Students will be required to wear a mask while indoors and on the bus.
- All visitors to our school will be asked to wear a mask while indoors.
- Additional masks are available to staff, students, and visitors.