



NVSD Back-to-School Plan: September 2020 Health and Safety Highlights

Ensuring a safe and healthy school environment and keeping those around us safe is everyone's responsibility.

BEFORE ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

- Stay home if sick. Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 **OR** travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days **OR** was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential service workers.
- On a daily basis, parents/caregivers of students, and staff must perform a daily assessment of symptoms.
- Personal items should be kept to a minimum. Parents/caregivers should label items with student's name to discourage accidental sharing.



AT SCHOOL

- Practice diligent hand hygiene by washing hands with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer.
 - When arriving at school.
 - Before and after any breaks.
 - Before and after eating and drinking.
 - After using the toilet.
 - Whenever hands are visibly dirty.



Watch these videos for more information:

[Health Canada: Wash Your Hands](#)
[Hand-washing heroes \(kid version\)](#)

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➤ Practice good respiratory etiquette:

- Cough and sneeze into your elbow, sleeve or a tissue.
- Throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene.



➤ Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g. teacher candidates, public health nurses).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

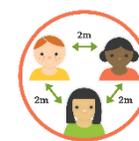
- [Non-medical face masks](#) will be available to students and staff.
- Face masks are not required for elementary students, but students may wear them as a personal choice. Face masks are required if a student becomes sick at school.
- Face masks are required to be worn by staff and secondary students in high traffic areas, common areas, or when staff or students are interacting with people outside of their learning group and cannot maintain physical distance. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

While the layout of each school will necessitate some variation, generally speaking, measures to support physical distancing will include:

- Consideration for different classroom and learning environment configurations to allow distance between students and adults (e.g. different desk and table formations).
- Staggered pick-up and drop-off times.
- Staggered recess/snack, lunch and class transition times.
- Spending more time, including activities that involve organized learning, outside.
- Incorporating more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between students and staff:



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- For elementary students, adapting group activities to minimize physical contact and reduce shared items
- For secondary students, minimizing group activities and avoiding activities that require physical contact
- Using floor markings and signage to address traffic flow throughout the school.
- Using barriers made of transparent material in places where physical distance cannot be regularly maintained, and a person is interacting with numerous individuals outside of a learning group (e.g. front office/reception).



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