



As we return to school in September, our priority remains fulfilling our purpose and mission of enabling all learners to succeed and contribute to their full potential to the future while at the same time ensuring a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees. With that in mind, we have implemented a comprehensive suite of safety measures to help protect students and staff from the risk of COVID-19.

Stage 2: Elementary Schools

In Stage 2, we are trying to maximize in-class instruction for all students to the greatest extent possible within learning group limits.

- Elementary students will be back at school for in-class instruction, full time from Monday to Friday.
- Under the Ministry's guidelines, learning groups may include up to 60 elementary students, however in Delta learning groups will usually be based on class size limits (see below).

Grade	Learning Group Size
Kindergarten	20
Grades 1, 2, and 3	22
Combined Grades 3 and 4	24
Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7	30

- Within Delta's elementary schools, a student's class will be their primary learning group as this will enable consistent learning groups if the pandemic requires schools to move between other stages of the education framework.
- A student's class may interact with one other class at certain times (during recess or lunch, or during a lesson that covers two grades, for example, Grade 6/7 Band) provided it remains within the maximum learning group limit of 60.
- Students will be permitted to socialize with peers in different learning groups only if they are outdoors and can maintain a 2-metre physical distance, as noted in the provincial guidelines.

- At some elementary schools, there may need to be staggered times for arrival, pick-up, recess and lunch breaks.
- Access to schools will be limited to staff and students. Other visitors including parents will need to request an appointment through the school office, and will be asked to assess their personal health before entering the building.
- School administrators will contact families with specific details about school schedules, including gradual entry for health and safety orientation sessions for students. Families can expect to begin hearing from their child's school shortly and will continue to receive information on a regular basis leading up to the start of school.
- All health and safety measures prescribed by the Provincial Health Office will be in place – please see our separate [Health and Safety information sheet](#).
- Students and staff who wish to wear masks in class can do so. Every student and staff member will be given masks when they return to school and will be respected for their choice to wear them.
- The Ministry's requirements state that students who are registered in a school are expected to attend school in-person unless they have health concerns.
- The school district will work with families whose child (or other family member) have medical conditions that would prevent the child from returning. Families should contact their school for further information and guidance.