

April 14, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be advised that the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) have been updated to reflect changes to Provincial Health Officer orders and further incorporate [public health guidance from BCCDC](#). These amendments, which take effect on April 16, have been put forward to support the continued transition to sustainable communicable disease management. Please find below a summary of the key updates.

School Gatherings and Events, including Graduation 2022

One of the most significant changes is that schools can resume all gathering and events, and return to 100% capacity. Schools can now host school and sports events, plan year-end celebrations, and prepare for more typical graduation ceremonies as we look to honour and celebrate our hardworking students – a decision about which we are all very excited!

Health Awareness - an updated approach to a Daily Health Check

Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person with a communicable disease coming to school when they are infectious. Although Daily Health Checks are no longer officially required for anyone entering schools or district buildings, we strongly encourage you to continue the practice of completing the [Daily Health Check](#). Staff, parents, caregivers and students should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities.

Space arrangement

Schools can use classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches.

Personal Practices

The communicable disease guidelines focus on personal practices, for example, health awareness, masks and face coverings, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and personal space.

It is encouraging to see public health transition to managing COVID-19 as they do other serious respiratory infections in the community as it allows a return to a more normal life and activities. However, like many of you, we will be paying close attention to changes in community and school illness and COVID-19 rates, and will continue to work with our partners at Fraser Health to shift as necessary as this pandemic continues to change.

Happy Easter to those of you who are celebrating, and an enjoyable long weekend to all.

Sincerely,



Doug Sheppard
Superintendent of Schools