

SD43 Parent and Child HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOL GUIDELINES



**This information is provided to parents/guardians regarding limited face-to-face support for students at SD43 sites.
Please do not send your child to school if they demonstrate signs of illness. Please only send them during their allocated times/days.**

Family Responsibilities

- Families are expected to monitor the health status of their child, including a fever/temperature check prior to bringing them to school.
- Children who show any signs of illness should be kept at home and the parents must notify the school.
- If family members of the children show any signs of illness the school should be notified, and students must be kept at home.
- Children who are ill are not to return to school until a discussion has occurred with the school administrator and the child has been cleared by a health professional to return.
- Children will be dropped off at the main entrance to the school using school site specific protocols and may need to sign in and out as per the protocol.
- Families are asked to only send the items their child may need for the time they are at school, limiting any unnecessary belongings.
- If the school requests that a family member attend with their child, these guardians are required to follow all safety procedures and illness procedures.
- Students will only be attending the building for a limited and scheduled amount of time as determined by the school.
- Children or family members who have had direct contact with a person that is COVID-19 positive should not attend school until they have been cleared by a health professional.

Parents need to communicate with their school principal if their child cannot attend due to their work schedules. This is critical so staff can plan for the appropriate number of children arriving.

Space

- A separate designated learning space has been selected to permit a child (and possibly parent) and school staff to meet while allowing for physical distancing.
- Where practical, a 2 metre physical distancing rule will be followed.

Staff and Student Symptom Monitoring

- The risk of transmission of COVID-19 from an infected individual is highest when the individual displays symptoms.
- Parents will be required to monitor the health status of their attending child, including a temperature/fever check prior to dropping their child off for the day. If the child shows any signs of illness, including a temperature above 38°C, they are not to attend the program. The parent should contact local health authority (811) to determine recommended steps based on potential exposure to COVID-19 and types of symptoms displayed.
- Should any staff or student display symptoms of illness, and have been subject to any of the COVID-19 exposure criteria (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/national-case-definition.html>) they are required to report to the Administrator at their site. The district will follow the procedures as

outlined in the Exposure Control plan. If a child starts showing symptoms of illness, contact the Principal.

- The parent will be contacted to pick up the child if the child is displaying symptoms of illness or if the child is consistently struggling to follow safety protocols. In instances where a safe work environment cannot be maintained, the school will adjust back to providing remote supports.
- Children may be placed in a supervised illness isolation room (as per pandemic safety protocols) if they exhibit signs of illness. Parents will be contacted to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- A thorough cleaning of the space(s) where symptomatic individual visited will be performed prior to resuming use.

Handwashing

- Staff will be following the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health throughout the course of work. This information can be located here.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>
- Children will regularly wash their hands. See above link for supportive materials that can be used by children and families.
 - upon arrival and before departure
 - before and after any transitions within the school setting
 - before and after eating and drinking
 - after using the toilet
 - after playing outside
 - after sneezing or coughing
 - whenever their hands are visibly dirty
- Teach, practice and model good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene such as coughing or sneezing into the creases of elbows and throwing tissues out immediately after use

Regular Cleaning

- Custodial staff will use Safe Work Procedures for Cleaning and Disinfection, which includes a two-step cleaning procedure; for soiled areas a thorough cleaning using a neutral cleaner and a secondary cleaning using an approved disinfectant. Procedures include precautions for limiting transmission between spaces and individuals.
- High contact toys (technological devices or consoles) and utilized areas are to be cleaned after use. Children will be expected to participate in these practices regularly.

We appreciated your support in following the above protocols and will be in regular communication with you as your child's program unfolds.