



## **East Chilliwack Communicable Disease Guidelines**

Friday, January 7, 2022

This information is intended to inform students, families, and staff of some of the changes that schools in SD33 are required to make in accordance with the "[Addendum- Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)" that districts received in response to the increased prevalence of the Omicron Covid-19 variant in BC.

The school will continue with many of the preventative measures already in place such as practicing hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and the use of face coverings/masks. Please have a look at the following changes to preventative measures during the school day to help reduce crowding during transition times, the number of contacts, and the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

### **Entrance & Exits:**

- Most classrooms have doors to exit outside. These will continue to be used to reduce traffic flow in our hallways at recess and lunch times. Students will continue to line up at their normal spots outside.
- We will have a staggered dismissal at the end of the day. We will dismiss kindergarten students, grades 4 and 5 first (1:57). We will dismiss grades 1-3 at 2:02. We ask that students go straight to their bus and board it immediately.
- We ask that parents please keep their distance from the bussing area as this is a congested area between 1:55 and 2:05.

### **Washrooms:**

- 2 students at a time in the washrooms. Others wait outside in the hall until their turn.

### **Space Arrangements:**

- Where possible, we have moved desks so students are not sitting face to face. We have also moved desks to create the most space possible.

### **Staff Gatherings and Assemblies:**

- Large staff gatherings/meetings are held virtually.
- No in person assemblies have happened this year and we will continue with not having assemblies.

### **Sports:**

- Practices and games can still continue.
- No spectators are permitted.
- Tournaments are cancelled.

### **Visitor Access:**

- We will not be accepting drop in visitors. Please call ahead to make an appointment. You will be required to sign in at the front office and you must complete a daily health check.
- Volunteers to run student experiences and food services (hot lunch) are permitted.



**Fieldtrips:**

- Fieldtrips can still occur, but we must follow Covid protocols of the place we visit.

**Masks:**

- Everyone at school (without exemptions) are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering while inside the building.
- All masks **MUST** be worn so that it covers the nose, mouth and chin.
- Students should come to school with their own masks (we do have masks at the office if needed)

**Daily Health Checks:**

- Parents and students are reminded that it is their responsibility to complete a Daily Health Check in the morning before coming to school.
- [Here is the link to the Daily Health Check](#)
- Staff and students are reminded to stay home when they are sick.
- If symptoms develop at school, parents will be contacted and will need to arrange for their child to be picked up.