



# **Deroche Elementary**

## **COVID-19 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan**

### **Quick Reference Sheet – Updated January 2022**

***As a result of increased COVID-Omicron infection rates, the following increased measures will be put in place in order to keep a safe school environment:***

- The front door will remain locked and monitored. Access will be limited to essential visitors (*performing services essential to education and health*), and by appointment only.
- Self-Assessment Health Checks will be completed prior to entry by staff/visitors
- Parents and caregivers must assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school
- Staff and students are to stay home when they are sick
- Staff and the school community have been provided with resources on COVID and what to do when they become ill
- All staff, students and visitors are to wash their hands or sanitize upon entering the school
- Staff, students and visitors must wear a mask while inside the school; mask wearing in hallways will be enforced
- All bus students must wear a mask while onboard the bus
- Masks are available for those who have forgotten theirs
- Carpet reading sessions will be limited and face to face seating will be avoided whenever possible
- Practices are in place to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Strategies are in place to routinely support students to practice personal prevention measures like hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and personal space
- We will use available space to spread people out where possible; assemblies will be cancelled until further notice; multi-school sport tournaments will be paused
- Practices are in place to appropriately respond when a staff member, student, or other person develops symptoms of illness while at school
- Food Programs will resume but must follow food safety practices
- Any field trips and/or extracurricular activities will be planned in accordance to the Communicable Disease Prevention Plan and Health Orders
- Fundraising activities will be paused and if resumed, must be in line with the Communicable Disease Prevention Plan and Health Orders
- Our Building Service Worker is providing enhanced cleaning protocols with approved supplies and equipment for disinfecting throughout the school

*These guidelines were developed using the recommendations made by the Provincial Health Authority*

**The following resources are available for more information:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0079-002460>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines-addendum.pdf>