

William Konkin Elementary School COVID-19 Action Plan at September 2020

Public Health Measures

We work under the direction of our Northern Health. It is the Public Health Office that establishes any orders and directs us regarding decisions about contact tracing or other measures.

Environmental Measures

- WKE is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants guidelines. This includes a daytime custodian and additional custodial staff to clean after each school day.
- We learn and play outside as much as possible.
- We have plexiglass barriers at our front office and at our breakfast / lunch serving windows.
- We have kid-friendly prompts to follow Health and Safety guidelines all around the school. And we will
 regularly remind each other to distance, wash our hands and use respiratory etiquette.
- We continue to "move like traffic" in our hallways (stay to the right, right of way at intersections, look both ways before moving around a corner, etc.)
- Our windows are open when possible. Our HVAC systems are set to increase the intake of outside air and to maximize air exchange in classrooms.

Administrative Measures

- We have organized our students to maximize the ability to minimize physical contact outside and in our shared spaces such as hallways. This includes:
 - Cohorts of no more than 60 staff and students. Our Cohorts consist of two or three similar-grade classes.
 - Our school is divided into four cohorts.
- Our schedule is adjusted to allow for:
 - At this time 2 recess and 2 lunch sessions (based on Cohorts)

Personal Measures

- Staff and student MUST stay home or go home and follow the direction of their health care provider when sick with common cold, influenza or COVID-19 symptoms. The Daily Health Check can be found at https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1095501&type=d&pREC_ID=1370090.
- We will actively teach and reinforce COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines with staff and students including:
 - reducing physical contact
 - hand washing /sanitizing. There are sanitizing stations and/or handwashing sinks in each of our classrooms and spaces and at each of our entrances.
 - respiratory etiquette
 - not sharing personal belongings, food or beverages.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Our students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom and or Cohort.
- Our staff will wear masks while in common areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of their classroom or Cohort and cannot physically distance from others.

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