



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73  
(Kamloops -Thompson)

## **Sun Peaks School Communicable Disease Prevention Plan**



**Updated: January 5, 2022**

### **Supporting Staff Safety**

All staff will be orientated to the District's *Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and again on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**All staff K-12 are required to wear non-medical masks indoors, in schools, and on school buses.**

**All staff K-12 will complete a Daily Health Check prior to attending school and use hand hygiene throughout the day.**

### **Staff Considerations:**

The plan to maintain personal spacing between staff in staff only spaces is: Occupancy limits are posted in various multipurpose areas such as the office, staff rooms, etc. Staff are encouraged to ensure personal spacing when in these spaces. General cleaning of the premises, and cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, must be completed at least once in a 24-hour period.

Staff meetings will be held via zoom and staff will be encouraged to participate from their own individual classrooms. If for any reason a staff member is unable to be in their classroom and needs to share a computer, the staff member will socially distance and is required to wear a mask.

IEP / SBT meetings will be held virtually via zoom if possible. If parents are unable to attend via zoom, they will be given the visitor training, and follow all school protocols or meet outside if possible.

### **Communication to Parents/Guardians**

This Communicable Disease Prevention Plan will be communicated to parents and guardians by September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the updated plan on January 7, 2022. This includes posting a copy of the plan on the school's website.

Information on [Daily Health Check](#) for parents to complete at home with their child will be emailed to parents on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via newsletter with links embedded. Parents will be encouraged to access the Ministry of Education's [K-12 Health Check App](#). If students are sick, they are to remain at home. Parents will be encouraged to use the ["When to get tested for COVID-19 guideline"](#)

[Planning Resource: Mask Exemptions](#) - parents need to contact the Principal/Teacher if their child is unable to tolerate a mask.

New students and families will be provided with health screening information when registering.

## Supporting Student Safety

All students will be orientated to the appropriate sections of the District's *Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and again on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Physical Distancing and Space

Enhanced Measures (January 2022) – Maximize space between students and staff:

- Use available space to spread people out, both in learning environments and for gatherings and events, where possible.
- Implement strategies that prevent crowding at pick-up and drop-off times (Most elementary students skip up the platter and are distanced on route to and from school).
- Focus on entry and exit areas, and other places where people may gather or crowd (As we have three campuses for pick up and drop off and 6 buildings the crowding is reduced but all students are encouraged to take their time and spread out when entering and exiting our various buildings).
- Students are to spread out when entering and leaving the classrooms to provide a greater amount of space for everyone.
- Classroom teachers will support and manage flow of people in common areas, including around lockers, to minimize crowding and allow for ease of people passing through. Plans to be practiced with students starting January 10th, 2022.

**All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask or face shield (in which case a mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors, in schools and on school buses.**

Students who need a non-medical mask can get a mask from their classroom teacher. It is encouraged for students to bring extra masks from home to have in their backpacks in case masks are lost or misplaced.

The plan to ensure personal spacing of students, including considerations for entering and exiting the school, moving from classroom to classroom and to and from common spaces is: All teachers and students at Sun Peaks have their own classroom entrance and exit. The classrooms are on three different locations on the mountain and have three different physical locations for recess and lunch. Students at the primary campus in portables, one, two, and three are encouraged to wait their turn politely and distance while waiting to use the two washrooms located on the outside of the main portable one, as are students at the other two locations.

## Hand Hygiene

Hand washing practices will continue when students arrive at school and before they go home, before and after any break, before and after eating as well as before and after using shared equipment. Portable sinks and hand sanitizers will be available in any areas without sinks.

Students Should Wash Their Hands:

- When they arrive at school and before they go home.
- Before and after any break – example, recess or lunch.
- Before and after eating and drinking – excluding drinking at students' desk or locker.
- Before and after using an indoor learning space used by multiple classes with shared equipment (e.g. example gym, music room, science lab etc).
- After using the washroom.
- After sneezing or coughing into hands.

- Whenever hands are visible.

## **Lockers**

The plan for student locker/cubbies use is: Lockers and cubbies are able to be used in the various classrooms as they are separate for every classroom. Personal space will be encouraged to avoid crowding.

## **Visitors**

All visitors are required to complete a Daily Health Check prior to entering the school. At this time only essential visitors will be permitted into the school.

All visitors are required to wear non-medical masks indoors, in schools.

To further support student and staff safety, the procedure for visitors will be: All visitors will call/email ahead to set up an appointment with various school staff.

- All volunteers are required to participate in training prior to working with students and staff in schools. The process for this training will be: The safety orientation will be shared prior to visiting the school or will be reviewed in person with the principal on the first day of volunteering.

## **Student Transportation on Buses**

No students at Sun Peaks are transported to or from school by bus. When students are going on a field trip by bus, students will line up following teacher direction to ensure personal spacing. Non-medical masks or face coverings should be put on before loading. All students in Kindergarten to grade 12 are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings when they are on the bus.

## **Field Trips**

Enhanced Measures (January 2022)

At this time, field trips are still being contemplated and we are awaiting direction from the Medical Health Officer.

Sun Peaks staff will follow existing policies and procedures as well as the guidance in this document when booking a field trip.

Additional measures specific to field trips should be taken including:

- For transportation, including school bus transportation, public transit and carpooling, see guidance in the transportation section in this document.
- Schools must ensure that volunteers providing supervision are trained in, and strictly adhere to, required health and safety guidelines. This includes receiving a visitor orientation for communicable disease prevention.
  - Alignment with relevant local, regional, provincial and federal public health recommendations and orders, including for international travel.
  - All K-12 school activities, including field trips are excluded from proof of vaccination requirements. However, venue operators may have different operational practices in place, particularly in situations where other members of the public may be present at the same time (e.g. museums, fitness facilities or

restaurants).

- School staff are strongly encouraged to communicate with venue operators in advance of any proposed field trips, to confirm the venue's specific policies and procedures, and to not plan field trips to venues where students and staff may be asked to provide proof of vaccination.

## **Food Services/Lunch**

Enhanced Measures (January 2022)

Food sharing is restricted. No homemade food items are to be brought into schools at this time.

Sun Peaks School will emphasize that food and beverages should not be shared.

If we choose to implement any school fundraisers involving the sale of food items they will be aligned with the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools.

## **Bell Schedule (Elementary)**

The Bell schedule is very similar to last year, but please note lunch has been changed slightly.

School Opens	8:25
Classes begin	8:30
Start of Recess Break	10:05
End of Recess	10:20
Start of Lunch	12:10 (Kids play first)
Kids come in to eat	12:50
End of Lunch Break	1:10
End of Day	3:34

## **Bell Schedule (Grade 8/9)**

School Opens	8:25
Classes begin	8:30
Long Break	10:45
End of Recess	11:05
Start of Lunch	12:45
Classes resume	1:33
End of Day	2:57

## **School gatherings and Events**

Enhanced Measures (January 2022)

School gatherings and events are to be held virtually (e.g. assemblies, etc.); if they must be in-person, limit the number of people to no more than 50% operating capacity.

Staff-only gatherings are to be held virtually (e.g. staff meetings, professional development, etc.).

At this time, no spectators or audience members are allowed at any school events or gatherings. For spaces

without defined operating capacity, schools should determine a capacity limit that is, at most, half the number of individuals that would be within the space for that activity or event if prevention measures weren't in place.

## **Sports, Clubs and Extracurricular Activities**

BC School Sports has confirmed that school sports may operate in accordance with local, regional, and provincial health recommendations and orders on gathering and events. Currently there are no provincial-wide restrictions on types of activities, competitions or training a school can do. All school/curriculum programs and activities should operate in alignment with provincial K-12 health and safety guidelines, including school-led activities held off campus. This also includes School District No.73

Updated: January 4, 2022 includes sport academies and community-based programs. These programs and activities will follow local, regional and provincial public health recommendations and orders for community gatherings and events.

### **Enhanced Measures (January 2022)**

All extracurricular sports tournaments are currently on hold.

Sports tournaments are defined as a single or multi-day gathering of three or more sports teams, who come together outside regular league play for the purpose of teams playing against multiply other teams. This does not include a gathering where team members compete on an individual basis against members of other teams or, a gathering where the result will decide if a team will advance to play in a national or international competition.

- Sun Peaks School will continue to implement ongoing communicable disease prevention practices, this includes but not limited to: hand hygiene, cleaning, disinfecting, respiratory etiquette specific to the activity.
- Equipment should be cleaned and disinfected according to disinfecting and cleaning protocols previously mentioned.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after using equipment.
- Equipment that touches the mouth, such as instrument pieces, must not be shared unless disinfected in between use.
- Masks are worn by K-12 students and staff, and other adults, when indoors and while riding busses.
- Students are not required to wear masks during high intensity physical activities.
- Utilize all available space to spread students and staff out as much as possible.
- Sport and extracurricular activities should be held outside whenever possible.

### **Spectators Enhanced Measures (January 2022)**

At this time, spectators are not allowed in schools.