



# W. L. McLeod Elementary School COVID-19 Action Plan at September 1, 2020

“We’re all in this together. Learning, kindness and caring, being safe and calm.”

Hierarchy for Infection Prevention and Exposure Control Measures for COVID-19 From the BC Centre of Disease Control

more effective

less effective

## Public Health Measures

We work under the direction of 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

- McLeod is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC’s Cleaning and Disinfecting 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 hot 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.
  - **The main contact group for each student is their individual class.**
  - Students also belong to a Learning Group (cohort) of no more than 60 students and staff. Our Learning Groups remain consistent and include two or three similar-grade classes.
  - Our school is divided into two teams. One team is mostly our primary classes and the other team is mostly our intermediate classes.
- Our schedule is adjusted to allow for:
  - a staggered morning start with the primary and intermediate teams taking turns either coming into the school or staying outside for DPA
  - separate recess lunch sessions for primary and intermediate teams

## Personal Measures

- Students and staff 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. *Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved. (added in August 28, 2020 K to 12 Guidelines)* 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](https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1095501&type=d&pREC_ID=1370090).
- We 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, spaces and entrances.
  - respiratory etiquette
  - not sharing personal belongings, food or beverages.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Our students and staff have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom and or Learning Group (cohort).
- Our staff wear masks while in common areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of their classroom or learning group (cohort) and cannot physically distance from others.