

New Westminster Schools Stage 2 Restart Plan



Learning Groups & Distancing

- Students organized in learning groups to reduce unnecessary exposure
- Groups of up to 30 for elementary school, up to 60 for middle school, and up to 120 for secondary students who are better able to distance
- Physical distancing encouraged at all times, and required when outside of learning groups
- Restricting the number of adults working with each learning group, whenever possible
- Encouraging outdoor learning opportunities



Controlling Access & New Safety Protocols

- Designated entrances and exits for students
- Mandatory daily health assessments for all students, staff and visitors
- Staggered break times
- Reduced number of students at NWSS each day, through hybrid/online learning model
- Controlling access for visitors: specified entrances, limited movement within schools, and required to follow hand hygiene and masking protocols
- Increased health and safety protocols in confined spaces (E.g. masks required for bus drivers, plexiglass barriers installed in multiple locations within schools)



Hand & Respiratory Hygiene

- 400 handwashing spaces
- All portables equipped with handwashing stations
- Continued health and safety training for students and staff
- Hand sanitizer available at all locations
- Strategically placed signage and regular reminders to follow hand washing & respiratory etiquette protocols
- Frequent required hand washing, including: upon school entry, before and after breaks or eating, before and after use of playground or shared equipment, etc.
- No sharing of personal items
- No sharing of food and beverages



Cleaning & Disinfection

- All facilities and buildings thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily
- Frequently touched surfaces cleaned at least twice daily
- Daytime custodians in each school, with new custodians for additional support
- Removing hard to clean surfaces and reducing unneeded furniture to create more space in classrooms



Masks & Face Coverings

- Mandatory masks for Teachers on Call and other staff working with multiple learning groups, while continuing physical distancing
- Mandatory masks for staff, middle and secondary students in high traffic and common areas (e.g. hallways, classrooms shared across cohorts)
- Masks required for staff, middle and secondary students when moving or interacting outside their learning group
- Masks required for all adults entering any school
- Reuseable masks available upon request (limits per person)
- Mask use in other scenarios is a personal choice that will be supported



Supports Available

- In-person and remote learning options available to accommodate unique family circumstances
- Meal programs returning to individual schools, with new COVID plans in place
- Social and emotional supports available for students and staff
- Continued full-time access to all specialized supports and services for students with diverse needs (e.g. counseling, EAs, speech and language pathologists, etc)
- Strong Start Centers available by appointment, with distancing measures in place

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