



Artemis Place Secondary School
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Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Communicable disease prevention focuses on basic risk reduction principles to reduce the risk of workplace transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Step 1: Understand the risk

Communicable disease prevention focuses on reducing the risk of workplace transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases and includes both ongoing measures and additional regional measures to be implemented as advised by public health during the period of elevated risk. COVID-19 will continue to circulate in our population; however, transmission within K-12 settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases.

Vaccines are important tools to protect against many serious communicable diseases. The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) strongly encourages all eligible students and staff to ensure they are up to date on all recommended vaccines for communicable diseases.

Step 2: Our measures, practices, and policies to reduce the risk

Daily Health Check

Everyone coming into our school building must complete a daily health check, including staff, visitors, and students.

A daily health check means checking yourself and your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of illness (including COVID-19) include things like:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Loss of appetite
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Body aches
- Diarrhea
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

If you are sick or feel unwell, please stay at home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in our school.

You can attend school if:

- Your symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies),

OR

- You have existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities, AND you are not required to self-isolate, based on a positive COVID19 test

Children, Students, and staff who become sick at school

If a child, student, or staff member develops symptoms while at school:

- Masks will be provided, if age appropriate, those who are sick and the people assisting them
- The person will move to an area that is separated from their classmates or colleagues and can wait comfortably. Our younger children will be supervised when separated
- The student's parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to have their child picked up as soon as possible
- Symptomatic staff will be asked to go home as soon as possible
- Cathy, our custodian, will be informed so we can ensure the areas the person used are cleaned and disinfected
- The symptomatic person should stay home and follow public health advice on when to return to activities.

Hand washing

We will continue to support the practice of frequent hand hygiene, through verbal and written reminders.

Respiratory Etiquette

We will reinforce good respiratory etiquette practices among children and students, including:

- Cough or sneeze into their elbow or a tissue.
- Throw away used tissues and immediately perform hand hygiene.
- Refrain from touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Refrain from sharing any food, drinks, unwashed utensils, cigarettes, or vaping devices.

Masks and Face Coverings

We respect the personal choice of staff and students who choose to wear a nonmedical mask or face covering.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Regular cleaning and disinfection can help prevent the spread of communicable diseases. We will maintain our practice of cleaning of frequently touched surfaces nightly and when visibly dirty during our operating day.

Step 3: How we communicate measures, practices, and policies

Our daily health check requirements will be posted at the school entrance.

Updated information for students and families will be posted on the school Facebook page, the school entrance and disseminated by the contact email we have on file.

Staff are encouraged to report any concerns to our Health and Safety Committee.

Step 4: We will monitor our school and update our plan as necessary

Artemis Place will continue to meet the standards, guidelines and protocols set out by the Provincial Health Officer, the BC Centre for Disease Control and WorkSafe BC and will follow updated measures as required.

For more information: [Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 School Settings](#)