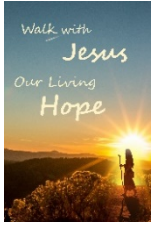




Catholic Independent Schools of Kamloops Diocese

Office of the Superintendent



Memorandum

TO: Parents & Guardians of Students in CISKD Schools
FROM: H. Paluck, Superintendent
DATE: February 24, 2021
RE: Updated Health & Safety Protocols – Feb. 24, 2021

I pray you and your families are enjoying a blessed start to our Lenten journey and have been healthy, safe, and well.

Attached for your review are the updated CISKD Health & Safety Protocols, based on recent revisions to Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and BCCDC protocols. Much of the language across government documents has been streamlined. You will note that revised sections are featured in yellow highlighted text for ease of reference.

The changes are based on what the Ministry of Health has learned over the last number of months.

Some of the highlights include:

- a) In Physical Education, there is clarified direction on physical spacing, high and low intensity activities, and the cleaning of equipment, among other areas.
- b) In Music, there is clarified direction regarding distancing, mask use when singing and an updated resource, [Guidance for Music Class in BC During COVID-19](#) developed by the BC Music Educators' Association and the Coalition for Music Education in British Columbia.
- c) In regard to mask usage within schools:
 - **Elementary student mask guidelines** remain a personal choice option of the student and parent/guardian.
 - **Secondary students, all K-12 personnel and visitors to the school** - will be required to wear a mask at all times when moving around inside the school. There will be 4 exceptions: when at a private workspace/desk, while maintaining physical distance (2m) in a classroom/learning environment, when using a physical barrier, or when eating or drinking.
- d) The Ministry of Education has developed a [new daily health check app](#) available for parents and students. Parents are still required to do a daily check at home with their child to determine if their child is able to attend school each day. The use of this app serves to support you in this commitment. School personnel are still required to confirm their daily health check prior to entering the facility. For those who may appreciate a hard copy document at home, they may use Appendix F: Daily Health Check from the CISKD Health & Safety Protocols document.
- e) Please note that schools have been reviewing this document, completing a Ministry safety checklist, revising local school documents to align, and shall post the approved updated documents on their school websites by February 26.

Thank you for your vigilance to keep our students, staff and other community members safe. Please continue to follow public health guidelines (ex, avoid non-essential travel, avoid social gathering, maintain your bubbles, wear a mask in public places like stores, maintain physical distancing, hand sanitize often, complete daily health checks, stay home when sick, etc.). I ask for your patience and prayers as we update and implement the new protocols. As always, may God continue to bless us as we "Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope" on our Lenten journey!