

Local Addendums to the *CISKD* *Communicable Disease Prevention Plan*



Pertaining to St. Ann's School in Quesnel, BC

Please direct any questions directly to Amanda Gilmore, Principal between 8:00-4:00pm Mon-Fri at 250-992-6237 or email principal@stannseagles.com.

Rationale:

St. Ann's School follows the guidance in [CISKD's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#), however, Quesnel is situated within the Northern Health Authority. This means some of our guidance from Public Health, the BCCDC, Northern Health and WorkSafe BC may differ at times from the guidance from the Interior Health Authority, where our Diocesan head office and office of the Superintendent is situated. The following addendums to CISKD's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan pertain to our local orders for the Quesnel area, which may differ from the CISKD plan.

Mask Orders:

As of Oct. 12, all adults and students from age 5 and up must wear masks while indoors or on the bus. Exceptions for eating, drinking, medical reasons and occasional physically distanced unmasking for clarity (such as in Speech therapy situations) continue as before.

Vaccines:

Northern Health and the BCCDC are encouraging all students aged 5-11 who qualify to receive the pediatric vaccine to register to receive their dose using their Get Vaccinated system. There are no current plans for our education staff or students to be mandated to receive vaccines. All who are medically able to receive vaccines are encouraged to do so by the [BCCDC](#), and you can read more about why on their website.

Public Worship and Schools:

St. Ann's students will participate in mass virtually for the foreseeable future. Students will join the livestream from their classrooms and take part in the Spiritual Act of Communion. For the time being, whole-school assemblies for worship, liturgy or other reasons will be held virtually when possible. If a virtual option is not available, we will abstain from that activity for the time being.

Enhanced Measures:

Per recommendations from our meeting with Northern Health on Nov. 23rd and their follow-up recommendations communicated Nov. 25th, for the time being and until directed otherwise by a health authority, we will increase our safety measures in the following areas:

- To reduce contact between classes, we will
 - Implement learning groups by homeroom.
 - Suspend programs such as Buddy Reading and afterschool Volleyball Club.
 - For outdoor recess, students from K-3 will be on the playground & upper field on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while grades 4-7 will be on the lower field. Tuesdays and Thursdays they will switch to K-3 on the lower field and 4-7 on the playground/upper.

- Continue to encourage space between class line-ups outside each exit, and
 - Continue to stagger class entry and exit so only one class is in that hallway at a time.
 - Suspend whole-school assemblies and gathering for the time being.
- Students within classes will be spaced out as much as the room allows, facing the same direction and at individual desks when possible, while maintaining safe access.
- Students on the bus will be spaced out as much as possible.
- Increase the frequency of disinfection of shared equipment to be sprayed down between use by each class, as well as increased wiping down of high-touch surfaces throughout the building.
- Request that families exercise extra caution and keep students home not only if the student is sick, but if other members of their household are sick. Please continue to use the Daily Health Check app or website each morning before sending your child on the bus or to school.

Thank you to everyone for each doing their part to help keep our school community safe and well!

References & Resources:

- [COVID-19 safe schools guidelines](#) - Government of BC
- [Masks](#) - BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)
- [COVID-19 vaccination information: Children aged 12-17](#) (PDF) - BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)
- [Information, FAQs, and resources for parents and students, school staff, and administrators and districts](#) - BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)
- [Kindergarten to grade 12 health check](#) - Ministry of Education
- [When to get tested for COVID-19](#) (PDF) - BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)
- [Current Orders](#) - Public Health Office