



Blue River Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Please use the [*SD73 Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan*](#) to develop this plan for your school.

Updated: January 2022

Supporting Staff Safety

All staff will be oriented to the District's [*Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan*](#) and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan by Friday, January 7th, 2022

All staff K-12 are required to wear non-medical masks indoors, in schools, and on school buses.

All staff K-12 will complete a Daily Health Check prior to attending school.

The plan to maintain personal spacing between staff in staff only spaces is:

- To use the Zoom platform for staff meetings with the larger group.
- There are only 3 staff members, so they will be reminded and expected to be aware of personal space at all times.

Communication to Parents/Guardians

This Communicable Disease Prevention Plan has been updated as of January 2022. It will be communicated to parents on before Jan. 10, 2022. This includes posting a copy of the plan on the school's website.

The updated Daily Health Check form was sent to parents via email on October 1, 2021. It will be re-sent along with the updated CDPP before Jan. 10th.

New students and families will be provided with health screening information when registering.

Supporting Student Safety

All students will be oriented to the appropriate sections of the District's *Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Wednesday January 5th.

All students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask or face shield (in which case a mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses. There may be exceptions to this guideline as outlined in the District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan as per page 21. Parents who request to exempt their children will be given the information from the [K-12 COVID-19 Planning Resource: Mask Exemptions document](#).

It will be asked of students in Grades K-7 that they provide their own non-medical masks daily. Expectations around keeping them clean and bringing them to school will be communicated. Students who

need a non-medical mask can request one from their teacher in the classroom. The plan to ensure personal spacing of students, including considerations for entering and exiting the school, moving from classroom to classroom and to and from common spaces is:

- There are only 10 students attending this school, so this will not be an issue.
- Students will be met at the front door by the teacher or the educational assistant to bring them into the school in the morning and accompanied back outside in the afternoon for parent pick-up.
- To have the teacher teach and reinforce personal space expectations.
- Student occupancy limit in washrooms will be equal to the number of stalls in individual washrooms. This will be taught by the teacher to all students.

Enhanced Spacing Measures (January 2022)

- Maximize space between students and staff:
 - Use available space to spread people out, both in learning environments and for gatherings and events, where possible. Desks should not be grouped in classrooms and students should not be seated facing other students. Avoid the use of table seating if at all possible.
 - Implement strategies that prevent crowding at pick-up and drop-off times. Teachers will not have whole classes at lockers at the same time, staggered use of lockers will be implemented upon entry in the mornings, at recess, lunch and after school.
 - Focus on entry and exit areas, and other places where people may gather or crowd. Lining up expectations will be revisited, monitored and reinforced. Classes will enter the school one at a time through designated entry doors.
 - Discuss the possible necessity for staggering recess/snack, lunch and class transition times to provide a greater amount of space for everyone.
 - Manage flow of people in common areas, including hallways and around lockers, to minimize crowding and allow for ease of people passing through. (As per bullet point #2)
- Use floor markings and posters to address traffic flow throughout the school. This may include one-way hallways and designated entrance and exit doors. It is important not to reduce the number of exits to ensure adherence to the fire code regulations.

Lockers

Students will be assigned their own lockers, and the teacher will monitor students when they are using the lockers (mornings, getting food, after school). Lockers use will be spaced, with an empty locker between students.

Visitors

All visitors are required to complete a Daily Health Check prior to entering the school.

All visitors are required to wear non-medical masks indoors, in schools.

To further support student and staff safety, the procedure for visitors will be:

- School doors will be locked at all times, appointments can be made through the office at Raft River or by phone call or email with the teacher for meetings with them. Visitors will be let in to the building by the teacher for prearranged meetings only.
- Late arrivals: Parents will be asked to contact the teacher via text or email if they know they will be arriving late to school. Alternately, they may ring the doorbell at the front entrance.

All volunteers are required to participate in training prior to working with students and staff in schools.

The process for this training will be:

- For school-wide volunteers (such as those involved in the 1-1 Reading program, the administration will ensure the presentation of the appropriate information.
- For classroom volunteers, teachers will clear all visitors with administration prior to issuing any invitations. The only visitors allowed will be either those involved in food service for students, or those deemed to be adding to students' educational programming. In such cases, the teacher who invited the presenter will ensure that they have been given the appropriate training, and report that it has been completed to the Principal/Vice-Principal.

Student Transportation on Buses

There is no busing available for students at Blue River Elementary. Parents drop off and pick up students.

Considerations for inclement weather:

- Teachers will let students in as they arrive in this case.

Food Services/Lunch

The plan for delivery of food services or lunch is:

- Healthy snacks will be purchased by PAC but prepared by staff members for the students' recess daily.

Bell Schedule

Warning Bell:	8:25 am
Start of Day:	8:30 am
Start of Recess:	10:15 am
End of Recess:	10:30 am
Start of Lunch:	12:00 pm
Warning Bell:	12:55 pm
End of Lunch:	1:00 pm
End of Day:	2:41 pm

Extra-Curricular Activities

Students are supervised by a staff member when participating in extra-curricular activities at the school. All regular safety and cleaning measures will be followed as per outlined in this document.

- There will be no spectators allowed at school games or practices.

The plan for supporting student safety while participating in extra-curricular activities:

- Hand hygiene, cleaning, disinfecting, and respiratory etiquette specific to the activity will be taught and supervised by teachers running the activities.
- Students will be expected to wash their hands before and after using equipment and cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing and wash hands immediately afterwards.
- Equipment will be cleaned and disinfected according to disinfecting and cleaning protocols.
- Masks will be worn by K-12 staff, volunteer adults and students in grades K-12 when participating in indoor activities, unless they are high intensity physical activities.
- All participants and coaches will be spread out as much as possible.
- Sport and extracurricular activities should be held outside whenever possible.
- Staff and students are required to follow the safety protocols required by any off-campus facility. Where there is a conflict, the safety protocols required by the off-campus facility should be followed.