



## Raft 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 7, 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 post occupancy limit signs outside entrance to staff room, offices, photocopy room.
- To move to online staff meetings instead of in-person.

### **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. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 updated District's *Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* and the school's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

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 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 the secretary at the office, or 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:

- To have designated entrances for classes for entry into and exit from the school
- To have students picked up by teachers from their designated entry doors in the morning, at recess and at lunch. In the afternoon they will be taken outside and put into their bus lines prior to boarding buses. Those being picked up by parents will be accompanied out to the pick up area.
- To have a supervised parent drop-off and pick-up area for student arrival in the morning and dismissal in the afternoon
- To have teachers reinforce a single file and keep to the right flow of traffic in hallways.
- Student occupancy limit in washrooms will be equal to the number of stalls in individual washrooms. This will be taught by teachers to all classes.

#### 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**

The plan for student locker use is: At Raft River there are enough lockers for one per child. All lockers are close to the classrooms, and students will be asked to minimize time spent at their lockers, at their teachers' direction and under their supervision. Students will use their lockers in an alternating manner so that there is one locker between students in the hallway.

#### **Visitors**

All visitors are required to have reviewed the CDPP, and completed 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 for meetings with school staff. Visitors will be let in by office staff or by the staff member with whom they are meeting.
- Late arrivals: Parents will need to call the office to have students let in the front door.

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**

Before school:

- All students in Grades K-12 are required to wear masks when travelling on the school bus. Masks should be put on before loading and stay on for the entirety of the trip.
- The first bus arrives at 7:50am. Students will get off the bus at the back courtyard.
- After the first 2 buses have arrived, one supervisor will take those students who would like to go, over to the front (old) playground and field area. The other supervisor will remain in the courtyard as buses 3-6 arrive.
- Students will drop their backpacks at their designated entry doors before choosing where they will go. Students wait at their classroom lineup until the bell goes at 8:40 and/or their teacher comes to take them and accompany them in through the appropriate door.

After school:

- Teachers will accompany their classes to the back courtyard and line them up in their designated bus lines.
- CEAs will take students one bus at a time to board their buses. There will be a separate area for students who are being picked up by parents, and they will be accompanied to the pick-up area by a supervisor. There will also be someone from the After School Program to pick up students who will be attending there.
- Students will be asked to continue to wear face masks when exiting the school at the end of the day to ensure that they have them on when boarding the buses.

Considerations for inclement weather:

- As needed, students will be let into the building directly off of the buses and will go to their classrooms.

## **Food Services/Lunch**

The plan for delivery of food services or lunch is:

- PAC will discuss resumption of their breakfast program (1-2 mornings/week), or alternate ideas for providing food for students. All volunteers will be trained in expected protocols before being able to participate in this food service.
- There will be a volunteer with a FoodSafe qualification in attendance when the breakfast program is being offered.

Food sharing is restricted. No homemade food items are to be brought into school for sharing purposes at this time.

## **Bell Schedule**

Warning Bell: 8:35 am

Start of Day:	8:40 am
Start of Recess:	10:30 am
End of Recess:	10:45 am
Start of Lunch:	12:05 pm
Warning Bell:	1:00 pm
End of Lunch:	1:05 pm
End of Day:	2:51 pm

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

BC School Sports has confirmed that school sports may operate in accordance with local, regional, and provincial health recommendations and orders on gathering and events. Currently there are no provincial-wide restrictions on types of activities, competitions or training a school can do.

### Enhanced Measures (January 2022)

- All extracurricular sports tournaments are currently on hold. Sports tournaments are defined as a single or multi-day gathering of three or more sports teams, who come together outside regular league play for the purpose of teams playing against multiply other teams. This does not include a gathering where team members compete on an individual basis against members of other teams or, a gathering where the result will decide if a team will advance to play in a national or international competition.
- 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, 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 4-12 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.