



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73  
(Kamloops-Thompson)

## **Barriere Elementary Communicable Disease Prevention Plan**



**Updated: January 5, 2022**

This plan has been developed based on the [\*SD73 Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan\*](#).

### **Supporting Staff Safety**

All staff will be orientated to the District's [\*Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan\*](#) and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

- List of students exempt will be available to applicable staff

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:

- Signs posted– 1 person in photocopy room, 7-8 people in staff room, 7-8 people in the Meals room

### **Communication to Parents/Guardian**

This Communicable Disease Prevention Plan will be communicated to parents and guardians by January 10, 2021.

### **Communication to Visiting District Staff and Visitors**

This includes posting a copy of the plan on the school's website and posted at the Visitor Sign In as well as in the staffroom on the Health and Safety Bulletin board.

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

### **Supporting Student Safety**

All students will be orientated to the appropriate sections of the District's *Safe and Healthy Facilities Communicable Disease Prevention Plan* and the schools' Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on Monday, January 10 or on the student's first day of returning to school.

### **Entrance and Exits**

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:

- Entrance/Exit to the school as follows:
  - Visitors – use the front door
  - Five classes will enter through the outside classroom door except:
    - Mrs. MacDougall and Mrs. Matthews – use the other front door
    - Miss Oates – south back door
    - Mr. McKenzie – north back door
    - Mrs. McGravey – side entrance and (Primary hallway)/classroom door
  - Crowding the hallway is limited because students enter in separate doors. Teachers will be aware of limiting the number of students in the hallway when moving throughout the school with classes.

## **Recess/Lunch/Before and After School**

Barriere Elementary has an extremely large field/playground area. We will continue to separate students as follows:

- All students will be outside for recess
  - Primaries will be on the south side school - M, W, F
  - Intermediate will be on the north side school - M, W, F
  - Switch on Tues and Thurs
- Primary will eat first (20 minutes) and Intermediates outside; all students outside (20 minutes); Intermediates will eat (20 Minutes), and Primaries will play (20 minutes).
  - following the same playground schedule as listed at Recess when all students outside

Considerations for inclement weather:

- Students will have access to their classrooms or common spaces (limiting the number to 50% capacity in these spaces)

## **Space Arrangement**

- Teachers and CEAs will create their education spaces to limit the amount involuntary physical contact.
- Teachers and CEAs will create their education spaces to maximize space.
- K- classrooms – will use barriers on round tables or install extra desks

## **Staff-Only Gatherings**

- All staff meetings, in-service and professional development activities, etc. occur virtually
- Staffroom and meals room – only 7-8 people at a time
- Photocopy room – one person at a time

## **School Gatherings**

- Held virtually whenever possible
- If in person – 50% capacity – gym and library
- Big Buddies – split classes between the two classes; instructions for the information will be completed in each classroom

## **Hand Hygiene**

- Reminders to students and staff on announcements
- Posters to remind students and staff on when and how to wash hands

## **Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- from one person's breathing zone to other occupants of a room. Avoid horizontal cross breezes.
- Risk mitigation strategies are identified for excessive heat events or times of poor air quality. (i.e. students staying indoors during break times)

## **Daily Health Checks**

- Reminders to staff and students to complete daily frequently touched surfaces cleaned and disinfected at least once a day
- Spray bottles and cloths in each learning space that are used by several students throughout the day (i.e. reading table) to sanitize after use
- New cloths will be changed out each Monday, Wednesday or Friday or when visibly dirty
- When an area needs to be cleaned before sanitize, staff will alert day or night custodian that it needs to be cleaned
- Regular cleaning throughout the school is completed each day

- Practices in place to clean and disinfect any surfaces a person's body fluids have contact after they have displayed symptoms (i.e. custodian will clean the surface).

### **Ventilation and Air Exchange**

- HVAC is maintained and upgraded with MERV 13
- Reminders to staff that any portable fans or air conditioning units are set up to move air downward and not blowing air directly
- Remind parents of the K-12 Health Check App – via email/newsletter
- Reminders on announcements regarding staying home if sick
- [New Daily Health Check documentation](#)

### **Symptoms**

When a student develops symptoms,

- Continue to use medical room if needed
- Day custodian will clean room after each use

### **Masks**

All students, K-6 are required to wear non-medical masks indoors, in schools, and on school buses. All K-12 staff 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. A very small percentage of students are exempt from wearing a mask.

Students can get a non-medical mask, if needed, in classroom or office

Students in Strong Start are not required to wear a mask.

Reminders in school of wearing a mask – posters and announcements/newsletters

### **Lockers**

The plan for student locker use is:

- Monitoring and limiting the number of students in the primary wing when access lockers and cubies
- Monitoring and limiting the number of students in the hallway at the beginning of the day, breaks, lunch, and end of day – intermediate areas
- Personal items will be kept in lockers

### **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 to contact the school to make an appointment.
- All volunteers are required to participate in training prior to working with students and staff in schools. The process for this training will be completed before their first day of volunteering. This will include, but not limited to, our Meals Program coordinator and support staff and our Parent Advisory Council members.

### **Student Transportation on Buses**

Before school:

- Upon arrival, Students will play on their respective playgrounds assigned that day until the first bell and line up at their respective doors respecting personal space.

After school:

- Students will play on their respective playgrounds assigned that day until the bus bell. They will line up and respect the personal space of the person

Bus Protocols

- Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least 1x/day. Surfaces touched by fewer people are cleaned 1x/day.
- Practices are in place to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces when they are dirty.
- Other general cleaning occurs in line with regular practices.
- Everyone on the bus (without exemptions), wear masks in accordance with the [PHO Order on Face Coverings](#).
- Practices are in place to encourage bus drivers and passengers to practice hand hygiene before and after trips.
- Passengers are spread out if empty seats are available.
- Windows are opened when the weather allows.

### Food Services/Lunch

The plan for delivery of food services or lunch is by a Food Safe certified volunteer or CEA.

### Bell Schedule

Warning Bell:	8:30am
Start of Day:	8:35 am
Start of Recess:	10:05 am
End of Recess:	10:20 am
Start of Lunch:	12:10 pm
End of Lunch:	1:10 pm
End of Day:	2:46 pm

### Extra-Curricular Activities

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

- All curriculum programs and activities will operate in alignment with provincial K-12 health and safety guidelines, including school-led activities held off campus. This also includes sport academies and community-based programs. They program and activities will follow local, regional, and provincial public health recommendations and orders for community gatherings and events.
  - implement ongoing communicable disease prevention practices, this includes but not limited to hand hygiene, cleaning, disinfecting, respiratory etiquette specific to the activity.
  - Equipment will be cleaned and disinfected according to disinfecting and cleaning protocols.
  - Equipment that touches the mouth, such as instrument pieces must not be shared unless disinfecting in between use.
  - Masks are worn by K-12 student, staff, and other adults when indoors.
  - Students are not required to wear masks during high intensity physical activities.
  - Utilize all available space to spread students and staff out as much as possible.
  - Sport and extracurricular activities will be held outside whenever possible.
  - Students will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after using equipment and cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing.
  - **Current Provincial Health Order** - No spectators are allowed at this time.