



# LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Happy New Year everyone! We have had an unusual start to the new year. Our staff is working together to review our Covid protocols and to put into place the new expectations from the Ministry of Health this week. We are looking forward to seeing your children on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to the document we are working from: [k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines-addendum.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/1-877-382-7453/health-safety-guidelines-addendum.pdf)

I want to start by saying our schools are safe. All our staff are following our Covid guidelines and are working with our students to ensure they are following the guidelines as well.

## **Important information:**

### Health

- Please ensure you complete a Daily Health check for your child before arriving at school.
- Your child *must* stay home if they are sick
- If your child develops symptoms of illness while at school, you will be called to come and pick up your child right away.
- We will continue to have your child wash their hands several times a day or use hand sanitizer
- High touch areas will continue to be cleaned 1 x during the day.
- We will continue to use a disinfectant spray to clean high usage items during the day, such as toys and staff areas.
- We are ensuring that all prevention measures already in place are consistently implemented

### Masks

- **Please ensure your child has a clean, well-fitting mask to wear at school.** If possible, put several in their backpack to make sure there is enough to wear through the day if one becomes soiled. [Ministry of Health and \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/1-877-382-7453/health-safety-guidelines-addendum.pdf)
- All staff and students are required to wear a mask at school at all times, except when eating.

### Learning Spaces

- We will continue arrange our spaces to maximize the space available
- We will be staggering our recess time and reconfiguring our lunch time to maximize the space the children play in.
- We will be looking at spreading our regular learning activities that bring to students together over several spaces to increase the space for our students.

### Drop off and pick up

- Please remember to practice social distancing between families while waiting to drop off and pick up your child outside your child's classroom door.
- To be considerate, please think about wearing a mask during these times
- At dismissal time it is expected that students and families leave the school property as quickly as possible and do not congregate for playtime or visits. These can be conducted off school property. This will allow us to manage our bus students that are waiting for pick up.
- If students/families want to return to play, we ask that you return after 3:30PM
- Students that walk home are expected to leave the school grounds once dismissed by their teacher.

### Possible online learning

- Just thinking ahead. If we have a *functional closure* of Lakewood (this is a closure due to lack of staff, due to illness, to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of the students) we would then go to some sort of online learning for a short time.
- To make our online learning work please ensure you have consented to the 'google apps for education' and "online learning platforms". You can go to <http://consent.sd62.bc.ca> to access the consent platform



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## Travel during the holidays

- Travellers arriving from all countries except the United States must take a COVID-19 test on arrival in Canada and self-isolate until they receive a negative test result.  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/travel/current#international>  
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- Children 5-11 years old who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated must not return to school for 14 days following date of return. "Children and Families" <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions>

## Volunteers

- If you have been a volunteer in a classroom this fall – thank you. Going forward we will be limiting our volunteers to those that directly impact student learning i.e. student teachers and our meal volunteers.

Thank you for all that you do for your children. We want to reiterate that the prevention measures already in place in schools continue to be effective at reducing the risk of Covid spreading.

Please help us out by ensuring that the daily health check is completed, you keep your child home when they are sick, make sure they have several masks for school and that they wash their hands before coming to school.

Information changes very quickly, please consider me your point of contact for your questions or concerns. Please contact me at school at 250 474 3449 or [karnot@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:karnot@sd62.bc.ca)

If there are further updates I will send out another message at the end of this week.

Sincerely,

Kerry Arnot