

SD 51 Communicable Disease Response Plan- Walker Development Centre (WDC)

This plan is based on the following documents: SD 51 [Communicable Disease Plan](#) updated September 2022

Public Health Measures

Attendance and Record Keeping

- Daily attendance is taken and recorded in MyEd on site for each learning group.
- Accurate class lists are maintained on MyEd and updated by the school secretary.

Environmental Measures

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- WDC is cleaned and disinfected once per day in the evenings by a SD51 custodian.
- In addition to evening scheduled cleaning, students, and staff clean used workspace before leaving for the day, using the SD51 prepared Oxiver spray.
- Gym equipment is cleaned after student use with SD51 prepared Oxiver spray.
- Technology devices are cleaned by students using SD51 provided tech-specific sanitation wipes after use and before returned to tech cart.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front door, beside sign in book, for all persons entering the building. Hand sanitizer station also set up at the rear door for students to use before leaving and re-entering space for/from break.
- Staff will, in the case of a suspected illness, wipe down any suspected surfaces (with disinfectant spray and clothes) touched by bodily fluids of a person displaying symptoms.

Administrative Measures

Gatherings and Events

- WDC does not have organized extra-curricular events for 2022.

Space Arrangement

- Classroom spaces at WDC are being reconfigured to ensure maximal space exists between student tables, and where possible, group table seating for group activities (like "coffee house" and art projects) is adjusted to ensure enough room to avoid involuntary contact.
- Where possible, the individual work rooms will continue to be used to accommodate learning for individuals to further enhance spacing among students.

Staff Specific Considerations

- The secretary workspace, staff kitchen and room, are to have a maximum two people at any time.

- Teachers have personal space around their desks to have lunch where space is maximized.
- Staff meetings, which consist of 5 individuals, will continue in-person in the general classroom, which allows for ample spacing.

Visitors, including Itinerant Staff, Temporary Teachers on Call, Parents and Others

- A notice will be posted on the school website and Facebook page by secretary to remind parents and potential visitors of the school health and safety plan which limits visitors to those helping with school activities. Signage will also be posted on the front main door.
- Parents are to contact staff via phone call, text, or video format to discuss their child's progress or concerns. If a parent wishes to meet in-person, a scheduled date and time is required and convenient for school staff and administration.
- Intake meetings will take place in-person, when required and will take place in the general classroom space, after school hours, to allow for maximum spacing between attendees. Only parent and prospective student can attend in-person for intake meeting at this time. Other community-based supports may attend meeting virtually.

Curriculum, Programs, Activities and Transportation

- Field trips and school ski/skating programs will occur in line with those permitted as per relevant local, regional, and provincial public health recommendations and orders.
- Students using staff transportation will be required to hand sanitize before entering vehicle and after exiting vehicle. Staff will carry hand sanitizer and disposable masks in vehicle.
- Where possible, some parents will be asked to transport their student to or from school and/or for local field trips, without creating hardship or exclusion for families and students, respectively.

Food Services

- WDC staff support students with a food program and offer cooking within a Foods and Nutrition course. Student enrolled in a Foods and Nutrition course will continue to participate in cooking activities and will be required to follow safe food practices. For students participating in the food program at WDC, staff and students will follow safe food practices and ensure students are not sharing food.
- Students can eat food from food program or prepared in course at their worktable.

Community Use of Schools

- Other community groups are not using the WDC facility currently.

Water Fountains

- Students and staff can use the water cooler provided, water tap in kitchen or bathrooms to fill their water bottles.

Personal Measures

Daily Health Checks

- Staff, parents, and students will be reminded through notices on our website and Facebook page (school secretary) to complete their daily health check using provincial checklist resource.
- A notice will also be posted on front door by secretary to remind visitors to complete their daily health check before.

Stay Home When Sick / What To Do When Sick

- As part of the daily health checks students and staff at WDC are reminded to stay home if they are feeling unwell.
- A self-assessment tool is available online to help determine whether you should stay home or not [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- This tool will also be made available on the WDC website.

Symptoms Develop at School

- If a staff member develops symptoms of illness while at school, they will contact the school secretary and the principal.
- Attempts will be made immediately to find replacement staff (TOC).
- In the case where a replacement cannot be found, the school principal in consultation with WDC staff, will determine if current staff can accommodate the students in attendance or Principal needs to be available to support student learning.
- In the event both teachers develop symptoms or 2 or more staff (eg. CYC and Teacher) and no coverage is available, Principal and/or well staff will ensure the supervision of students until end of learning session.
- Where a student develops symptoms of illness while at school, the student's teacher (or other available staff) will contact the parent to arrange pick up from school immediately. While waiting for pickup, the student will be given a quiet place in the individual work room or calm room to avoid potential contact with other students. Staff will not transport students with symptoms of illness.
- In the event the Principal is absent, WDC staff can request administrative support from a District PVP in SD51.

Returning to School After Illness

- Staff or students may return to school after symptoms have abated and/or isolating period has elapsed. No doctor communication is needed.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette

- Students and staff will be encouraged and reminded regularly to follow proper hand sanitizing procedures.
- Hand cleaning can take place in the two bathrooms, kitchen, in addition to using the hand sanitizer that is available at multiple areas within the classroom.

Personal Protective Equipment

Masks

- Students, staff and visitors will have the option to wear a non-medical mask in accordance with the guidelines and applicable health orders.
- Masks are available in the main office for those who have forgotten theirs.

Supportive School Environments

Personal Prevention Practices

- Teachers will regularly remind and encourage students to practice prevention measures like hand cleaning, maintaining personal space, not sharing food, and not crowding in groups when entering and leaving the facility.
- Seating arrangements will be revised in the common classroom to respect personal space and support the maintenance of distancing.
- A culture of kindness and respect will be upheld to support our students' diverse needs and perspectives.