

## Overview of Health and Safety measures at GTN:

### Public Health Measures

- We work under the direction of Northern Health. The Public Health Officer establishes any orders and directs us regarding decisions about contact tracing or other measures.
- Northern Health Public Health Nurse Keisha Chutter will meet with staff prior to the start of school and with all students before starting regular classes.

### Environmental Measures

- GTN is cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants guidelines. This includes a daytime custodian who sanitizes high-touch surfaces throughout the day while students are at school. Custodial staff clean and sanitize following the same guidelines after each school day.
- Floor markings are used so students are able to move through the building to avoid congestion in our doorways and hallways.
- Teachers will arrange classroom furniture to promote physical distancing as much as possible within classrooms and learning spaces.
- GTN has signs posted to control the flow of people into the building. All students and staff will enter through the main doors that are beside the parking lot.
- GTN has signs posted reminding students and staff about hand-washing, sneeze/cough etiquette, social distancing, and self-isolation.
- Our windows are open when possible. Our heating system is set to increase the intake of outside air and to maximize air exchange in classrooms.

### Administrative Measures

- GTN students will be one single learning group or cohort and not interact with individuals outside of our school inside the school day.
- Visitors to our school will not be allowed at this time.
- Students who leave the school on break and at lunch will be expected to socially distance themselves from people outside the school. Where socially distancing is not possible, students should use a non-medical mask.
- Whole-school gatherings will be conducted with designated seating that is physically-distanced.
- Activities where physical distancing is difficult will choose activities that have reduced physical contact. (eg. sports teams, Phys. Ed.)
- Keeping class sizes as small as possible. Larger classes will be able to use larger spaces like our library to physically distance when possible.
- Eliminating a buffet lunch and instead using a designated server wearing a mask to serve students.
- Having a designated private space where students can speak with community counsellors on the phone so that they may continue counselling services.

### Personal Measures

- Students and staff must complete the Daily Health Check before leaving their house in the morning. <https://sd50.bc.ca/covid19/>
- Students and staff will wash their hands at our hand wash stations prior to entering the school.
- Students and staff MUST stay home or go home and follow the direction of their health care provider when sick with common cold, influenza or COVID-19 symptoms.
- We will actively teach and reinforce COVID-19 Health and Safety guidelines with staff and students including:
  - Reducing physical contact
  - Hand washing /sanitizing.
  - Respiratory etiquette
  - Not sharing personal belongings, food or beverages.
- We will teach students what to do if they feel unwell while they are at school.

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

- Our students and staff will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom and while interacting with other students within the school.
- Students and staff will wear masks while in common areas, like hallways, and any time they are outside of their classroom or learning group (cohort) and cannot physically distance from others.
- All staff and students will receive 2 non-medical masks to wear in high-traffic areas (hallways and bus).