



Questions from Trustees:

1. If your child has symptoms, are they asked to be tested before they can go to school?

Any student, staff or other person within the school who has symptoms of COVID-19 OR travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days* OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential service workers.

For a list of symptoms of COVID-19, see the BC Centre for Disease Control website.

- Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results.
- Those unsure if they or a student should self-isolate or be tested for COVID-19 should be directed to use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool. o If concerned, they can be advised to contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit to seek further input. o They can also be advised to contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.

** SD50 is currently following the recommendations from the CHN for off-island travel and will adapt if and when the recommendations change.*

2. Will there be support for them from school?

Yes, just as when a student is sick and away from school support will be available.

3. If someone from the household goes off-island, will the whole family have to self-isolate?

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- They can also be advised to contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.

4. Are we going to adopt the same self-isolation requirement as that of the CHN?

Yes, at the current time we are following the recommendations from the CHN.

5. What about students that have to go away for braces once a month?

SD50 is following the recommendations from the CHN and will adapt if and when the recommendations change.



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6. Additional Mental health resources and outreach for our students as well as cultural support, to help them in transitioning back to school.

By starting in-class instruction on September 14th, this will provide SD50 with ample time to connect with families and to identify areas needing additional supports.

7. Ministry of Education (MoE) has announced there will be masks. Does that go for SD50?

Yes, we are developing language around proper mask usage, storage, removal and cleaning which will be shared with staff and students.

8. What happens when you have a sibling in the elementary and another in the high school? What happens in terms of the exposure of two cohorts?

Some families with more than one child will have contact with multiple cohorts. Families have a responsibility to do their part by maintaining proper hygiene and hand washing protocols and performing daily health checks.

9. What happens if one of our students have COVID?

If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19 and were potentially infectious while they were at school, public health will perform an investigation to determine if there were any potential close contacts within the school. (To learn more about contact tracing, visit the BCCDC website.)

Students and staff who have interacted with the confirmed case may be asked to stay home while public health completes their investigation.

- If it is determined that there are close contacts within the school, public health will notify the school administrators to request class and bus lists to assist with contact tracing and provide guidance on what steps should be taken.
- Public health may then:
 - Recommend 14-day isolation if necessary (for confirmed close contacts).
 - Recommend monitoring for symptoms if necessary.
 - Provide follow-up recommendations if necessary.
- Schools must continue to provide learning support to student required to self-isolate.
- Together, schools/school districts and public health officials will determine if any other actions are necessary.

10. Are there spots available in the DL programs?

From Grades 8 to 12 places are limited please contact Secondary School Principals Dev Bradley, dbradley@sd50.bc.ca or Ian Keir, ikeir@sd50.bc.ca.



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11. Do you get credit with DL courses?

Yes, you do.

12. Have we had discussion that include Northern Health Authority (NHA) if a student gets COVID?

SD50 has been consulting with NHA as we develop our COVID-19 Response Plan. We will be working with Northern Health if there is a suspected case of COVID-19 in our schools.

13. What is the turnaround for testing?

As per Northern Health, results from the deep nasal swab takes anywhere between 48 to 72 hours to confirm.

Questions from the public:

1. What is our Restart Plan for continuing our local food to school program? BC's Back to School Program includes school meal programs; school districts with existing meal programs will continue to work with community partners to provide meal support to families in need, in alignment with the current public health guidelines.... As a district, are we keeping this priority in alignment as we have been provided valuable food Carey mentions that "we need to keep the same message moving forward"?

The food programs will be operational. Principals and the District have been working at making these programs feasible and safe. All food programs will operate under WSBC and Provincial Guidelines.

2. Regarding WSBC each facility has to have a WSBC plan, when will those be available?

Each facility has a plan, the Safe Work Site Instruction Plan is available on the School District website, www.sd50.bc.ca and at all school sites as per WorkSafe BC regulations.

3. Are we planning remote learning?

Currently, we do not have the capacity to run another program. We are planning for a return to classroom instruction at Stage 2 on September 14, 2020 and reassess as the school year proceeds.

4. Will there be increased DL programming?

Currently, there is no plan to expand the DL programming.



5. What if a student does come in with symptoms? Are you going to be contacting the students who have come in contact with the student who has symptoms? How do we respond to someone exhibits symptoms, or how do you differentiate from allergies?

If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, schools should:

- Provide the student/staff with a space where they can wait comfortably that is separated from others.
 - The student is to be supervised and cared for, when separated.
- Make arrangements for the student/staff to go home as soon as possible.
- Provide the student/staff with a non-medical mask if they don't have one (exceptions should be made for students and staff who cannot wear masks for medical and/or disability-related reasons).
- Contact the student's parent/caregiver with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible.
- Clean and disinfect the areas the student/staff used.
- Encourage the student/staff to seek assessment by a health-care provider.
- Request that the student/staff stay home until COVID-19 has been excluded and symptoms have resolved.

Students and staff who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19-like symptoms, which are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. If they experience any change in symptoms, they should seek assessment by a health-care provider.

6. Maybe there should be a health check before students get on the bus?

Daily checks should be performed daily by parents prior to the student leaving the home. Please refer to our website for the daily health check <https://sd50.bc.ca/covid19/#>.

7. Is there any kind of penalty for those of us who choose to allow our kids to go back only part time, or on a modified schedule, as we spend time working independently at home with them?

There is no penalty, but please recognize the potential challenges for both the teacher and student; we will address each student's circumstances individually.

8. Pre-COVID at what time was lack of attendance at school would prevent a student for continuing in school?

The best learning environment is face-to-face learning and higher attendance rate has been linked to students' ability to succeed in school.



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9. Could you tell me again the reason this district is waiting until Sept 14 to welcome students to class?

This allows the district to devote time to staff orientation in health and safety measures and connect with families.

10. What can I do to prepare my child for back to school, what should my kids expect when they return to school?

Review with your child the COVID hygiene protocols such as hand washing and explain the concepts of minimalizing contact and promoting physical distance. If you have a mask at home, practice wearing it. Each school will be sending information out to parents outlining what the school day will look like for their child.

11. How will bus service work? Students in Tlell are on the bus for over an hour and a half. I have concerned that that will be longer.

The bus run from Tlell to Queen Charlotte will be ten (10) minutes longer in the morning and afternoon to facilitate cleaning. All students grade 8-12 riding the bus are required to wear masks unless they can't tolerate them.

12. Will there be a Zoom call specific to each school where the administrators will have a conversation with parents at each school?

Schools will be contacting all parents prior to September 14, 2020.

13. What about outdoor education, land-based play? Can we support this as a district, our families need this, we need this as educators and our children deserve to have that unique curriculum?

SD50 is working with principals to explore more outdoor education options.

14. Can you explain distributed learning (if I have that name right) and p/t enrolment options?

In this style of learning, students can connect with their teacher from anywhere in the world on their own schedule and their own terms. This approach is called distributed learning (DL).

Teachers use a wide variety of electronic tools to teach their students including voice and video conferencing over the Internet, email, telephone calls and others. Every DL school provides a teacher who works with each student to:

- Plan and deliver a course of study
- Get course textbooks and resources
- Assess student progress and complete a report card



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Students can choose to complete an entire program via distributed learning or partner it with other learning options like in-person classes, blended classrooms or homeschooling.

15. Is there a way for kids to attend the class virtually? Say in the case of someone who needs to isolate or is feeling unwell?

Currently we do not have the capacity to provide virtual access to the classroom. As always, support will be provided to students on an excused absence in the form of homework packages.

16. Have additional cleaners been hired? Will cleaning be happening during the school day in high traffic areas such as bathrooms?

Additional daytime custodians have been hired for all schools; they will clean all high touch areas in schools including bathrooms.

17. Will hand sanitizer be available in all classrooms?

Yes

18. What about registering as a homeschooler through SD 50? Is that an option? Will SD50 invite these students to do extracurricular activities etc...?

Students can be registered as homeschoolers. Participation in extracurricular activities will not be available to homeschoolers at this time.

19. I hope high schools will look at how kids can attend school virtually when having to self-isolation if they would like to keep up with class work and discussions. Will the ministry purchase iPad for loan in those cases?

Currently we do not have the capacity to provide virtual access to the classroom. However, the district will be able to provide some technology support through new funding from the Ministry of Education.

20. How many hours per a 6-hour school day will the daytime custodians be in each school?

All schools will have an additional hour and a half to an hour and fifty-five minutes of additional daily cleaning.



Daily Health Check

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1. Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes

8- 1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.