

Report Date

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Vanguard Secondary

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Environmental Measures**Ventilation and Air Exchange**

- All HVAC systems are operated and maintained as per standards and specifications, and are working properly.
- Air systems have been upgraded to MERV 13 filters or other mitigation efforts have been identified.
- Windows are opened if weather permits and HVAC system function will not be negatively impacted

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Frequently touched surfaces (those touched by larger numbers of people) are to be cleaned and disinfected at least 1x/day. Surfaces touched by fewer people are to be cleaned 1x/day.
- Practices are in place to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces when they are dirty.
- Other general cleaning to occur in line with regular practices.
- Practices are to be in place to clean and disinfect any surfaces a person's body fluids have contacted after they have displayed symptoms of illness.

Administrative Measures**Daily Health Check**

- Staff and other adults are to complete a daily health check prior to entering the school
- Parents and students have been reminded of their responsibilities to complete a Daily Health Check and are provided with resources on how to complete one (e.g., the K-12 Health Check app).
- If a student, staff or other adult is sick, they are not permitted to enter the school
- Practices are in place to appropriately respond when a staff member, student, or other person develops symptoms of illness while at school.

Gatherings, Events and Space Arrangement

- Space between people are to be maximized. Different common space, classroom, and learning environment configurations (e.g., different desk and table formations). Limit and, whenever possible, avoid face-to-face seating arrangements.
- Staff-only gatherings (e.g., staff meetings, in-service and professional development activities) are to be held virtually.
- Learning spaces are to be arranged to maximize the space available and to avoid people directly facing one another (where possible).
- In indoor spaces, people must have enough room to carry out intended activities without involuntary physical contact.
- Strategies that prevent crowding during class transition and break times are to be implemented. Stagger start/stop times, or recess/snack, lunch and class transition times. Regular learning activities that bring together multiple classes (e.g., examinations, physical education) should be spread out across multiple locations/spaces whenever possible, but do not need to be reduced in size.
- School gatherings and events (e.g., assemblies, parent-teacher interviews, etc.) to be held virtually. If gatherings and events must be in-person (e.g., inter-school sports game, theatre productions), minimize the number of people in attendance as much as possible, do not exceed 50% operating capacity, and do not allow spectators. For indoor spaces without a defined operating capacity, schools should determine a capacity limit that

is at most half the number of individuals that would be within the space for that activity or event if prevention measures weren't in place.

Visitor Access

- Limit visitors to those that are supporting activities that are of direct benefit to student learning and wellbeing. E.g., teacher candidates, immunizers, meal program volunteers, etc..
- Process in place to ensure itinerant staff, Teachers On-Call and visitors are aware of the school's health and safety measures and their responsibility to follow them at all times.

Sports

- Extracurricular sports tournaments are to be paused.

Student Transportation

- 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.

Personal Measures

- Hand cleaning facilities are available and accessible throughout the school and are well maintained.
- Strategies are in place to routinely support students to practice personal prevention measures like wearing a mask and hand hygiene (e.g., signage, including in morning announcements, etc.).
- Strategies are in place to encourage staff and students to consider and respect others personal space. Personal space is the distance from which a person feels comfortable being next to another person.
- Positive and inclusive approaches aligned with existing school/sector practices to address behaviour/personal practices are used.

Personal Protective Equipment

Masks

- The PHO Order – Face Coverings requires all students, staff and visitors to wear a mask indoors at school. Everyone who is able to (i.e., does not have a mask exemption) must wear a mask.
- Schools will work with those with mask exemptions to explore potential strategies to reinforce and enhance other safety measures, as described in the COVID-19 Planning Resource: Mask Exemptions.
- Masks are available for those who have forgotten theirs.

Additional Site Specific Protocols

Junior students will have their lunches delivered to them to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria. Two classrooms will be used during lunch for students to eat their lunches. Staff to welcome students at the front of school ensuring they are following COVID protocols.

A copy of this Addendum will be sent to:

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