



Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings

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Please see below for a brief synopsis of the information provided by the Ministry of Education. The full document has also been attached.

Daily Health Check

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with COVID-19 coming to school when they are infectious.

- Parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school.
 - Parents/caregivers and students can utilize the provincial K-12 Health Check app for daily assessment of symptoms.
 - **If a student, staff member or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school and should stay home.**
- Parents/Guardians, please complete the Daily Health Check with your child through the K-12 Daily Health Check app. before sending your child to school.

Personal Protective Equipment

Middle and Secondary School Students:

All middle and secondary school students are **required to wear a mask or a face shield** (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) **in schools-both within and outside of their learning group-except when:**

- sitting in (or standing at) their seat or desk/workstation in a classroom or learning space
- there is a barrier in place;
- eating and drinking; and
- outdoors

Busses

All middle and secondary students are **required to wear a mask or face-shield** (in which case a mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) **on school busses.**

Exceptions will also be made for students who cannot tolerate masks (e.g. health or behavioural reasons). Schools must not require a health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) to confirm if a student cannot wear a mask.

Physical and Health Education (PHE)

In middle and secondary school:

- For low intensity exercise activities, **students are required to wear masks** when they are indoors, unable to maintain physical distancing (2m), and a barrier is not present.

Music Programs

- K-12 staff and middle and secondary students must wear masks while singing indoors.
- Students and staff are to be spaced as far apart as possible.