



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (QUESNEL)

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Dear Staff, Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome back! As we all prepare for our return to school next week, I want to update you on the COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan that will be in place District wide.

The District continues to take direction from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office. As you know on Tuesday August 24, the provincial government shared updated health and safety guidelines for the safe operation of schools during the 2021-2022 school year. The provincial documents and our updated District safety plan are available on our website <https://sd28.compasscms.com/content/health-and-safety-plans> . We encourage you to review these documents.

Below are important highlights to help you prepare for school start-up. Your school will also provide you with additional site-specific information.

The following will continue in September:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mask wearing for all K-12 staff, students grades 4-12, visitors, when indoors and on buses (with exceptions)</li> <li>• Mask wearing for K-3 is encouraged when indoors and on buses but remains a family/caregiver choice</li> <li>• Encouraging eligible students and staff to get vaccinated</li> <li>• Daily Health Check – please use the province’s K-12 Health Check</li> <li>• Staying home when sick</li> <li>• Daily attendance record keeping for students, staff, and visitors</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning</li> <li>• Proper hand hygiene</li> <li>• Upgraded ventilation – all HVAC systems are operated and maintained as per standards and specifications, and are working properly. Filters have been upgraded and will be regularly monitored and replaced.</li> </ul>
The following will return in September:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time in person learning</li> <li>• Extra-curricular activities and sports</li> <li>• Gathering and events (e.g., assemblies)</li> <li>• Visitors and community use (e.g., parent volunteers)</li> <li>• Food Services (e.g., PAC hot lunch)</li> </ul>
The following will NOT continue in September:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohorts/Learning groups</li> <li>• Physical distancing of 2m – staff will use strategies to help with respecting personal space.</li> </ul>

It is important to note, regional and local health orders may be in place, which could require additional health and safety measures for a District, a group of schools or an individual school.



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As stated by the Provincial Government last week, vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in schools. We would like to express our thanks to the community for rolling up their sleeves to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you or your child(ren) are eligible but haven't yet received your vaccine, we encourage you to get fully vaccinated to lower the risk in our community.

Supporting the health and well-being of students, families and staff remains our top priority. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school for a great year of learning.

Sincerely,

Sue-Ellen Miller  
Superintendent of Schools