

Anahim Lake Jr. Secondary and Elem. Full Return to In-Class Instruction Plan 2020 - 2021

Our goals:

1. To maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students/families and all employees.
2. Provide continuity of educational opportunities and services for all students.

We will be in Stage 2 of the Revised Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education.

- Our small student enrollment will allow our staff and students to operate as one complete learning group with Covid-19 safety protocols in place. A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term and whose only interactions are between those in the learning group.
- Staff will provide all expected educational services.
- We have established procedures that are meant to allow our students to return in a controlled manner that is safe for the physical and emotional health of our staff, students, and community.
- All school district staff outside of Anahim Lake staff and community service providers will be required to wear a mask while in the school when physical distancing is not possible.
- We know we can safely accommodate all 50 (approximate enrollment) students on campus with increased personal hygiene routines and protocols, guidelines in place to limit student physical contact, and the continuation of adult to adult physical distancing measures in place.
- It is imperative that any staff or students who feel sick stay home and not report to school.

When will our transition begin?

We will begin regular **in class instruction** for all students:

Thursday

September 10, 2020

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

The focus of the day will be an **Orientation Day** for students

Potential total number of people returning to school **58**

Employees: 8 (Principal/Teaching, EA/ Support, Janitor.)

Students: 50

K-4: 20 Students

5-7: 15 Students

8-10: 15 Students

Who is responsible for the students while they are at the school?

The staff member working with the child(ren) will be responsible for supervising the students for the duration of their visit and ensuring the child(ren) follows safety protocols. **If a child is unable to follow safety protocols, they may not be permitted to participate in this service at this time.**

Any staff member can work with the student (teacher, EA, admin, etc). Students will be supervised at all times.

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Check-in and Safety requirements

- All students will be using the West entry of the school and adult visitors and staff are required to use the main entrance.
- We will continue to enforce physical distancing rules between all adults.
- Students will be asked to maintain a 2m distance. Students in K-4 will be asked to minimize physical contact.
- Coughs or sneezes are to be directed into an elbow sleeve or a tissue. These tissues are to be thrown away immediately. Hands are to be washed immediately.
- Students/staff are to refrain from touching their eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Students should not share any materials, food or drink.
- Staff and students will be sent home immediately if they are sick. Homes will be asked to pick up their child, or where necessary, Mr. Walsh or our bus will take the child home. Students who are unable to return home may be given a non-medical mask and will remain in a designated place in our school library. A staff member will be assigned to supervise the student, but all other staff and students will physically distance themselves from that room.

Staff and students must wash their hands:

- When they arrive at school and before they go home.
- Before and after breaks (e.g., recess, lunch).
- Before and after eating and drinking.
- Between different learning environments (for example: outdoor-indoor transitions, from the gym to the classroom).
- Before and after handling common equipment (photocopiers, etc).
- After using the toilet.
- After sneezing or coughing into hands.
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.
- After handling common resources/equipment/supplies.

Use of the building/rooms

School desks will be seated 2m apart.

Primary students will attempt to stay 2m apart when out of desks and reminded to minimize physical contact.

Students need to stay with their teacher in the classroom and will not wander though the building.

We expect all students (K-10) to refrain from physical contact.

Safety Provisions:

At the start of each school day, staff along with parents/caregivers will be asked to perform health checks on themselves along with their students (Please see attached document). Both Ms. Delia Major and Mr. Thomas Pak, teachers, will engage staff and students to ensure that health checks are taking place in Mr. Walsh's absence.

Teachers will do general health checks on their students in class. Any student feeling ill will be sent home. Mr. Walsh will have a conversation with parents before the student returns to school and make it clear that if their child is ill, has a cough, or fever, to please keep them home.

Bus drivers will have the option of a face shield to limit any potential risk.

Cloth masks will be available on request for staff and students. The school district will provide students with 2 reusable masks for any situations where distancing is not possible. Employees may bring their own. Re-usable masks must be laundered at home.

What if my child has allergies?

- Students and staff who experience seasonal allergies, or other COVID-19-like symptom that are related to an existing condition, can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal.
- If you notice a sudden change in the severity or type of symptoms your child normally experiences, you may want to keep your child at home and seek advice from a health-care provider (Anahim Lake Health Clinic: 250-742-3305).

Bus Service

We will run our buses using our regular day schedule. Busing will be operating under revised safety guidelines. The moderate number of students riding our buses should allow for one student per seat or two siblings (family) per seat only. Students will hand sanitize before boarding the bus. The bus driver will maintain distance from students and hand sanitize as well. The bus will be sanitized as protocols are put in place. Students who cannot abide by bus safety protocols may be unable to ride the bus during this time. Students are encouraged to walk or ride to school when the weather permits.

Students must be registered to ride on one of our two buses (SD 27 bus or Nagwunt'oo School Bus). Students are not allowed on buses they are not registered to be on.

Entry/ Exit of the school

There will be hand sanitizer available at the main entrance of our building for anyone entering the building to use until handwashing is done.

Mr. Walsh will meet with all students, when possible, at the West/front entrance of our school to ensure the use of hand sanitizer or hand washing upon entry. Those arriving late will be expected to proceed immediately to wash their hands before joining classmates.

We do not want the public to be wandering in our halls. **Adults wishing to access the building or engage staff and students must do so by appointment only.** Every guest entering the school must sign in at the main office.

Where possible, Mr. Walsh will do a **health check (screening) for all the adults upon their entry.**

Parents and Caregivers and other non-staff adults entering the school should be minimized as much as is practical to do so. They will be reminded to practice diligent hand hygiene and maintain physical distance when they are in the school.

Hand washing

Wash hands with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If hands are visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand sanitizer may not be effective at eliminating respiratory viruses. Soap and water are preferred when hands are visibly dirty.

Please refer to the BCCDC's hand washing poster.

Hand sanitizer

Hand sanitizer stations will be available in classrooms and common areas.

Physical distancing:

Prohibit or limit visitors to the school.

Avoid close greetings (hugs, handshakes). Regularly remind students about keeping their "hands to themselves".

Adults on site will continue to adhere to physical distancing guidelines or 2 meters wherever possible.

When possible, staff will limit the amount of time spent in the staffroom and be conscious of how many adults are in the staffroom, office space, washrooms, and other small spaces. If the number of people in the staffroom exceeds 3, masks should be worn.

The floor will be taped indicating 2 meters from the office door. A desk or table may be used to stop people from walking too close or through the doorway.

In lower grades, physically distancing is difficult to enforce with younger children, but staff should teach appropriate behaviors and consider space limitations and options where possible.

Older students will also be encouraged to be more mindful of physical space and contact and limit the size of groups.

For younger children, maintaining physical distance is less practical and the focus should be on minimizing physical contact instead.

All children should physically distance themselves where possible when outside the family unit or household.

There is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted via textbooks, paper or other paper-based products. As such, there is no need to limit the distribution or sharing of books or paper based educational resources to students because of COVID-19.

Assigned washrooms

All students will be using our student washrooms. Procedures will be constructed and the limited use of washrooms will be encouraged.

Staff and visitors will use the washrooms adjacent to the staffroom and first aid room.

When students need to use the washroom, as before, they need to wash their hands with soap and water when finished. Washrooms will be used one student at a time.

Additional cleaning

General cleaning and disinfecting of the premises will occur at on our regular schedule from 2 PM to 7 PM.

Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day. These include doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, keyboards, and toys.

School spot cleaning of high touch surfaces as necessary: All staff will take turns sanitizing high touch surfaces.

Mr. Walsh will ensure those engaged in cleaning have adequate training and materials.

Empty garbage containers daily.

We encourage students to bring their own water bottle. Students can fill their bottles at the water fountain bottle filling station. At this time, students should take their water bottles home nightly for washing. Staff will not be washing or handling student water bottles.

Playground will not be cleaned routinely.

Staff will remove access to any unnecessary tools or equipment that may elevate the risk of transmission.

School Hot Lunch and Snack Program: Our school meal program will continue to provide meal support to families, in alignment with current public health guidelines, as soon as a cook can be secured. Details on our food program will be released in the coming weeks. We ask parents/caregivers to provide a snack and lunch for our students in the meantime (from September 10th until we determine the delivery of our food program).

Break/snack

Students will remain at their desks when having snacks and will then take break times outside, weather permitting. Students should not share food or drinks. Everyone will wash their hands when returning from the playground. A staff member will sanitize desktops.

Lunch

Weather permitting, we will take our lunches outside.

Recyclable beverage containers must be returned home with the student.

Staff will not be heating food for students. Students should not share food or drinks.

Everyone will wash their hands when returning from the playground. A staff member will sanitize desktops if they were used for lunch.

Computer use:

Students will be assigned a computer. It will be labeled with their name. Students will be encouraged to touch only their own computer equipment.

Learning outdoors:

Students will need to come to school ready to learn outside or inside so layers of clothing including a weather appropriate coat and outdoor footwear are required every day on site.

In the event of an illness:

In the event of a COVID-19 related illness at a SD#27 work site, procedures will be in place to ensure safety standards are maintained. The provincial health officer and the BCCDC have issued the following guidance around self-isolation: Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, should stay home, be assessed by their health care provider and if determined necessary, tested for COVID-19. When someone is symptomatic, they should self-isolate and follow directions provided by their health care provider.

Staff who feel ill while at work will follow site protocols for:

- Informing administration
- Arranging appropriate transportation home if other than themselves
- Leave by designated exit to minimize contact with others
- Sites will receive increased/intense cleaning as appropriate if evidence of COVID-19 like illness.

Timely Communication:

Staff must ensure that everyone entering the workplace, including workers from other employers, knows how to keep themselves safe while at our workplace.

Everyone is trained on the measures we have put in place and the policies around staying home when sick. Signage will also be posted at the main entrance indicating who is restricted from entering the premises (including visitors and workers with symptoms).

As questions arise, and health and safety guidelines adjust, I will amend this document as needed. Please reach out if you are curious or still have questions! Thanks for your ongoing commitment to the community Anahim Lake Public School.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES Online

- Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Setting
- K-12 Education Restart Plan
- COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings

POTENTIAL HEALTH CHECKLIST (Previously noted document):