

Naghtaneqed 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 Naghtaneqed 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 13 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 we begin?

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

Thursday

September 10, 2020

8am – 3:09pm

The day will begin with an **orientation** for students.

Potential total number of people returning to school **22**

Employees 9 (Principal/Teaching, EA/ Support, Janitor, Bus Driver)

Students 13

K-4 3

5-7 3

8-10 7

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.

Safety requirements

- All students and adult visitors are asked to use the main entrance.
- We will continue to enforce physical distancing rules between all adults.
- Students will be asked to minimize physical contact.
- Staff and students will be sent home if they are sick.
- Frequent hand washing.
- Non-medical masks will be available.

Use of the building/rooms:

Students need to stay with their teacher in the classroom and should not wander though the building. We will ask all students to refrain from physical contact.

Safety Precautions:

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.

Staff and other adults must assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school. If staff or any adult has any symptoms, they must not enter the school.

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. See the attached [Daily Health Check](#) for things to look for. Those unsure of if they or their child should self-isolate or be tested for COVID-19 should use the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) or contact 8-1-1.

Any student, staff, or other person within the school who has cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms should stay home, self-isolate and be assessed by a health-care provider.

- Parents are asked to call the school in the morning if you are keeping your child home due to illness
- Staff will follow normal school district procedures for calling in an absence
- Parents are asked to make sure their emergency contact numbers are up to date
- Parents who work during school hours are asked to have back-up plan for their child in case of illness (i.e. a family friend or relative who can pick up or look after your child on short notice)
- Administration will be cautious and call parents immediately if there is any concern that your child may be sick.

In the event of a COVID-19 related illness at Naghtaneqed:

- Home will be asked to pick up their child. Students who are unable to return home right away may be given a non-medical mask and will remain in the library. A staff member will be assigned to supervise the student, but all other staff and students will physically distance themselves from that room.
- Areas of exposure will undergo a deep clean to ensure safety standards are maintained.
- Public Health Staff will identify and notify close contacts of a confirmed case.

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

Bus Service:

We will run our bus using our regular day schedule. Bus driver will be tracking student attendance as they board the bus in the am and the pm. Bus drivers will have the option of a face shield to limit any potential risk. Busing will be operating under revised safety guidelines. The low number of students riding our bus will allow easily for one student per seat or two siblings (family) per seat only. Students from grades 8, 9, and 10 will wear masks on the bus. 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. Parents and guardians will not be transporting students for school events at this time.

First Nations Youth Liaison and Transportation of students:

- TBA

Entry/ Exit of the school:

There will be hand sanitizer available at the main entrances of our building for anyone entering the building to use until handwashing is done. Mr. Speers will meet most students at the front entrance to ensure 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 By Appointment.** Every guest entering the school must sign in. Where possible, Mr. Speers will do a **health check screening for all the adults other than staff 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, maintain physical distance when they are in the school, and wear a non-medical mask.

Hand washing:

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.
- After using the toilet.
- After sneezing or coughing into hands.
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.
- Cough or sneeze into their elbow sleeve or a tissue.
Throw away used tissues. Immediately wash hands.
- Refrain from touching their eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Students should not share any food or drink.

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 - Adults:

Prohibit or limit visitors to the school.

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

Adults on site will continue to adhere to physical distancing guidelines or 2 metres 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 office door will be modified to allow the bottom half door to be closed while the top remains open. The door will be used to stop people from walking too close to the secretary or through the doorway.

Physical distancing - Students:

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 to 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:

(5 to 10) access to bathrooms in the hall

(K to 4) access to bathrooms in the primary classroom

Staff will use the washrooms adjacent the staffroom

When students need to use the washroom, as before, they need to wash their hands with soap and water when finished. Students will not be allowed to socialize in the washroom. If the light is on it is occupied. Students and staff are training themselves to turn off lights when they are the last person in the room because we are operating on solar power.

Additional cleaning:

General cleaning and disinfecting of the premises will occur at least once a day. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected when possible. These include doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, keyboards, and toys. All staff will take turns sanitizing high touch surfaces. Staff will remove access to any unnecessary tools or equipment that may elevate the risk of transmission. Principal will ensure those engaged in cleaning have adequate training and materials.

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.

Water

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.

Break/snack

Fruit & Veggie Program –Fruit and veggies will be delivered to classrooms for students to access through their teacher/EA at regular snack times.

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 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 BC CDC 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

Virtual Secondary School Students:

Students in Grades 8-10 participate in the Cariboo-Chilcotin Virtual Secondary school. This program will continue to be delivered as it provides students with access to teachers and peers remotely with in classroom support from Teachers/EAs from inside the student's learning group.

Teachers from this program may travel to the school site to provide in person support to students. These teachers will adhere to school guidelines around physical distancing as they are outside our Learning Group.

If there is interaction with other Learning Groups as part of the student's participation in the Virtual Secondary program, all guidelines for interacting with peers outside of the student's Learning Group will be followed (physical distancing, use of outdoor spaces where possible, etc).

Continuity of Education Plan:

In the case that a student is required to isolate or quarantine, teachers will provide schoolwork for the duration of the quarantine so that the child is not behind in their course work. If the child is ill and cannot complete schoolwork, they will not be penalized

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 come up, and health and safety guidelines adjust, I will amend this document as needed. Please reach out if you are curious or still have questions! Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the community of Naghtaneqed School.

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References and Supporting Documents:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf

<https://www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation>

[BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#)

District website at <http://www.sd27.bc.ca> for regular updates