

Fact Sheet – Buildings and Buses

The Richmond School District will continue to place the highest priority on the health and safety of our students, their families and our staff. The district has taken a number of concrete steps to ensure that our students and staff come to school and work each day in a clean, healthy and safe work environment. The district is committed to monitoring our practices to ensure that the high standards set in the provincial health and safety guidelines are consistently met.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- The district added 25 full-time custodians to provide all schools with daytime custodial services to ensure cleaning and disinfecting requirements are met.
- In addition to daily general cleaning, multi-touch surfaces will receive enhanced cleaning and disinfection twice daily.

Hand Hygiene

- Hand sanitizers have been distributed to all classrooms and school offices.
- Sanitizer stations will be provided at the main entrances of all schools.
- Portable handwashing stations installed in elementary classrooms and portables without sinks.
- Hand hygiene will be taught and consistently reviewed by schools.

Physical Distancing Strategies

- Signage for physical distancing, and directional control, will be placed on hallway floors in schools.
- COVID-19 information signs are being placed in all schools.
- Classroom furniture will be re-arranged to allow for maximum physical distancing.

School Ventilation Systems

- Increase outside air intake to ensure as much fresh air as possible enters schools and classrooms.
- Teachers will be encouraged to keep windows open as weather permits.
- The district will replace ventilation system air filters, as necessary.
- The district will investigate new technologies and best practices for addressing improved air quality.

School Bus Transportation

- The district will survey parents of students who normally take the bus to determine the needs of each family.
- Students will be required to wear masks while riding the bus.
- Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before boarding the bus.
- A list of riders and a seating arrangement for each bus will be kept and maintained.
- Specific procedures for boarding and leaving the bus will be taught and implemented.
- Each bus will be cleaned and disinfected before and after every trip.
- Students will be expected to confirm they have completed the health declaration process before boarding the bus.