



## School District #82 (Coast Mountains)

# MOUNT ELIZABETH MIDDLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN

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### **Our Goals are to:**

- Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students and all employees
- Maximize space between people – a focus on personal space
- Reinforce effective personal practices
- Provide all necessary supports for students

### **Illness**

- Parents/Guardians will conduct a daily health check for symptoms of illness before school using the link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>
- If students or staff are ill, they must stay home
- If symptoms develop while at school, parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. Parents will ensure that someone is available to pick up their child if symptoms occur while at school
- All staff will complete daily health check prior to entering the school
- Staff who develop symptoms while at work, will go home
- Any cleaning of any surfaces due to illness will be the responsibility of Administration if a custodian is not available

### **Students Entering Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary**

- Students are to enter the school as close to the warning bell (8:42am) as possible to minimize hallway crowding
- Bus students will enter through main entrance
- Students must sanitize hands upon entering
- Grade 7/8 students may enter at the middle school doors (by flag poles)
- Grades 9-12 students may enter at the main entrance (student parking lot entrance)
- No students are permitted to use teacher entrance doors
- Students may exit through any door but the teacher's entrance

### **Staff Entering Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary**

- All staff, upon entering our school are to complete the health check

### **Visitors**

- We have to limit the number of visitors to those who are supporting the learning and well-being of our students
- Contact the school 250 632 6174 for more information on how to access the school
- At this time, we are minimizing all visitor access.

### **Physical Distancing**

- All learning spaces will have the best configurations possible to allow space between students and adults

- Physical distancing is encouraged at all times and students will be spread out as much as possible within classrooms and learning spaces

### **Student Belongings**

- Students will not share belongings, drinks or food
- Students are permitted to fill their water bottle at fountain
- Lockers are not to be shared

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- All who enter our school must wear a mask at all times while indoors except when:
  - A person is unable to because they cannot tolerate it for health/behavioral reasons
  - the mask is removed temporarily for identifying the person wearing it
  - for certain activities (playing an instrument, high-intense activity, etc)
  - a person is eating or drinking
  - a person is behind a barrier
  - a person is providing a service to someone with a disability where visual cues, facial expressions, and/or lip reading is important
- People with mask exemptions are encouraged to wear a mask whenever possible in main hallways and/or large common areas within our school
- All masks must have a proper fit. Staff will encourage and reteach the proper way to wear a mask in a positive manner
- Masks will be provided for students who forgot to bring their own mask to school

### **Bus Transportation**

- Whenever possible, students will be spread out on the bus and face-to-face contact is to be avoided
- Staff and students will wear a mask at all times while on a bus subject to the mask exceptions above

### **Classrooms**

- Personal Prevention Practices which will be practiced daily while in classrooms include:
  - mask wearing
  - hand hygiene
  - Physical distancing
  - Disinfecting personal work space with a wipe
- Physical contact is to be avoided at all times
- Minimize close, prolonged face-to-face contact whenever possible
- Students will have consistent seating arrangements

### **Physical Education**

- Outdoor activities are encouraged as much as possible
- Plans should be adapted to reduce physical contact
- Staff is to wear a mask during indoor PHE classes when physical distancing is not possible

### **Gatherings**

- All staff meetings are to be held virtually
- School gatherings like grade meetings will be held virtual
- Smaller meetings like School Based Team meetings can be in person as long as members are spread out

### **Shared Spaces**

- There will be no “hanging out” in bathrooms. The capacity in bathrooms is no more than 4.
- Students and staff must wash/sanitize their hands before and after being in a shared space
- Disinfecting wipes are available in all shared spaces

### **Lunch Time/Recess**

- The cafeteria is open for all students to purchase food. Masks are mandatory while in line.
- **Grade 7 students** will eat in designated lunch rooms in the Middle School wing (old wing)
- **Grade 8 – 10 students** will eat in the cafeteria. There is a quiet lunchroom available for students who require such a setting.
- **Grades 11-12 students** will be dismissed 10 minutes early to purchase their food (if needed from Cafeteria) and will eat in the first 4 rows of the bleachers in the large gymnasium
- Quiet lunch rooms are available in both Cultural Rooms (capacity limit of 6)
- The Apartment will be used by students who require direct supervision (capacity limit of 6)
- Students are not permitted to eat in the hallways
- Morning recess break is at 10:07am-10:22am & Afternoon recess break is from 1:49pm-1:54pm

If you have any questions regarding our school plan, please reach out.  
Keep safe.

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