



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY SHAWNIGAN LAKE

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Updates to Safety Plan

Following the Deputy Minister's Bulletin on February 4, we updated our Health and Safety plans and completed the [BCCDC COVID19 Health and Safety Checklist](#) as a guide.

In addition to our protocols that we implemented at the start of the year, which include learning groups in separate buildings, physical distancing, frequent cleansing of hands and daily health checks, we have included some additional measures including wearing face coverings, which are mandatory unless a mask cannot be tolerated. Should this be the case, we require a note from the parent stating that the face covering cannot be tolerated. Please note that these are statutory requirements and the school encourages students to wear masks at all times as we all do our part to keep our community safe.

Facial coverings are required in classrooms for students and teachers unless:

- They are at their work station or in their seat. Please note for teachers, working at the whiteboard is considered a work station provided there is at least 2 metres of distance between them and the nearest student.
- They are eating or drinking
- In music, students are spaced far apart and masks are work when singing
- In Physical and Health Education (PHE), there is an emphasis on physical distancing and avoiding activities that use prolonged physical contact. Where possible, we are doing activities outside.

Please find the Deputy Minister's Bulletin below, which has links to the guidance provided along with updates and an app that can be used by students to complete their daily health checks. A polite reminder to please not send in your children to school if they are not feeling well.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20210204/feb-4-covid-19-updates---is.pdf>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of School at dave.pontich@stjohnsacademy.ca.