

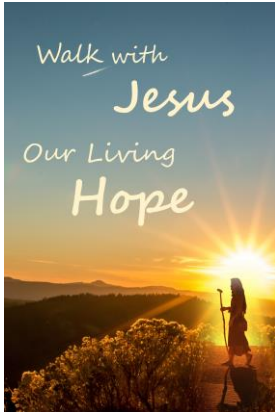


Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese

Office of the Superintendent

Notice of Updated CISKD Protocols - Health Commitment and Daily Health Check Forms

October 13, 2020



Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

I write to thank you for a smooth and safe start up for our schools that has taken some extra care and attention by all involved, and to share with you some changes to our protocols impacting our Health Commitment Forms and our Daily Health Check document.

Since the beginning of the school year, School Authorities were advised by the BC CDC and Ministry of Health to communicate several symptoms for which staff and families should monitor and self-assess which have guided our practice to date.

Since then, more specific health guidelines have been provided to help determine whether an individual should attend school that day. School Authorities are being advised that changes will continue to occur in the weeks and months ahead.

The new COVID-19 related protocols focus on:

- a) a daily health screening regarding key COVID-19 symptoms for students and staff in a school setting clearly noting when testing should be pursued (ie., anyone with a fever OR two or more of the key listed symptoms, even mild ones)¹.
- b) permitting members of a household, who are not ill and exhibit no symptoms of illness to attend school when someone within their home is demonstrating symptoms of illness other than COVID 19 (as per footnote below)²; and,
- a) clear, specific protocols for how public health authorities will manage COVID19-related illness that may occur in BC schools.

Though the COVID-related health screening protocols have changed, the BC CDC still advises that those who are ill or generally unwell should either stay home or go home. These protocols remain in place for our schools as they have always requested that ill persons stay home to help minimize the spread of illness within the community thereby also lowering the anticipated need for itinerant workers in our schools. As such, the reference to other symptoms of illness remains in our Health Commitment Forms for CISKD personnel and students and our updated CISKD Health and Safety Protocols document that can be located on the CISKD [website](#). For informational resources from the BC CDC on how to isolate in a variety of circumstances, please refer to the list of links at the end of this letter.

The Principal of your school has received direction that the changes are effective upon receipt of this letter and will be implementing and sharing the updated Health Commitment Forms for staff and parents to sign and return to the school by this Friday, October 16. He or she will also share the related updated Daily Health Check document for use of parents and staff at home.

For information regarding public health actions when a confirmed case/cases of COVID 19 (including contact tracing and management clusters of illness) may occur in schools, please refer to the attached

¹ In addition to this direction, testing is available for anyone with cold, influenza or [COVID-19-like symptoms](#). For information on how to prepare a child or youth for testing procedures, see this BCCDC [webpage](#).

² Please note that subject to any public health guidelines or direction of the public health authority, and subject to the terms noted in the Health Commitment Form, household members who have not been diagnosed with any illness and who are free of symptoms of any illness may attend school.

file, [Appendix B: Public Health Actions if a Staff, Student or Other Person who has been in the School is a Confirmed COVID-19 Case](#), and visit the [Interior Health Authority](#) or the [Northern Health Authority](#) respective webpages that address School Exposures.

In all such cases, the Health Authority representative leads the notification to the School Authority/School and advises on next steps and any communication matters, if involved. Please note that CISKD and its personnel are not allowed to disclose information about the individual(s) within our school settings who may have contracted the virus. While we know this may cause some anxiety, this is necessary by law to protect the privacy of individuals and families. As we have close knit communities, we ask you to please refrain from sharing any information about a confirmed, unconfirmed, rumoured or potential COVID situation on social media or within your personal network. Please know that official communication from school administration and/or the CISKD will come as quickly and transparently as regulations permit. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

I acknowledge this may be an anxious time and appreciate the extra caution we have practiced to help protect all members within our communities, including our personnel so they can remain in good health to continue providing Catholic education for our students. From time to time, the protocols within CISKD may include some additional considerations different from those of the local school district to help protect our smaller communities.

As the BC CDC gains insight about COVID-19, we will continue to receive updated guidelines and communicate with you any changes to our protocols and practices. These changes may include requiring new signatures on revised documents to confirm you are aware of them and commit to the updated terms provided. We thank you in advance for this support and understanding.

Changes to our practice will be reflected in both the CISKD Health & Safety protocols document which will continue to be available on the CISKD [website](#) with the locally relevant plans posted on our school websites. Thank you for doing all you can to help mitigate the transmission of illness within our faith and learning communities.

May God continue to bless you as we “Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope” confidently and together!

In faith, hope and Christian love,



Holly Paluck
Superintendent of Schools
Catholic Independent Schools Kamloops Diocese

[BC CDC COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#)

[BC CDC COVID-19 Symptoms \(full list\)](#)

[BC CDC How to Isolate if you are Ill](#)

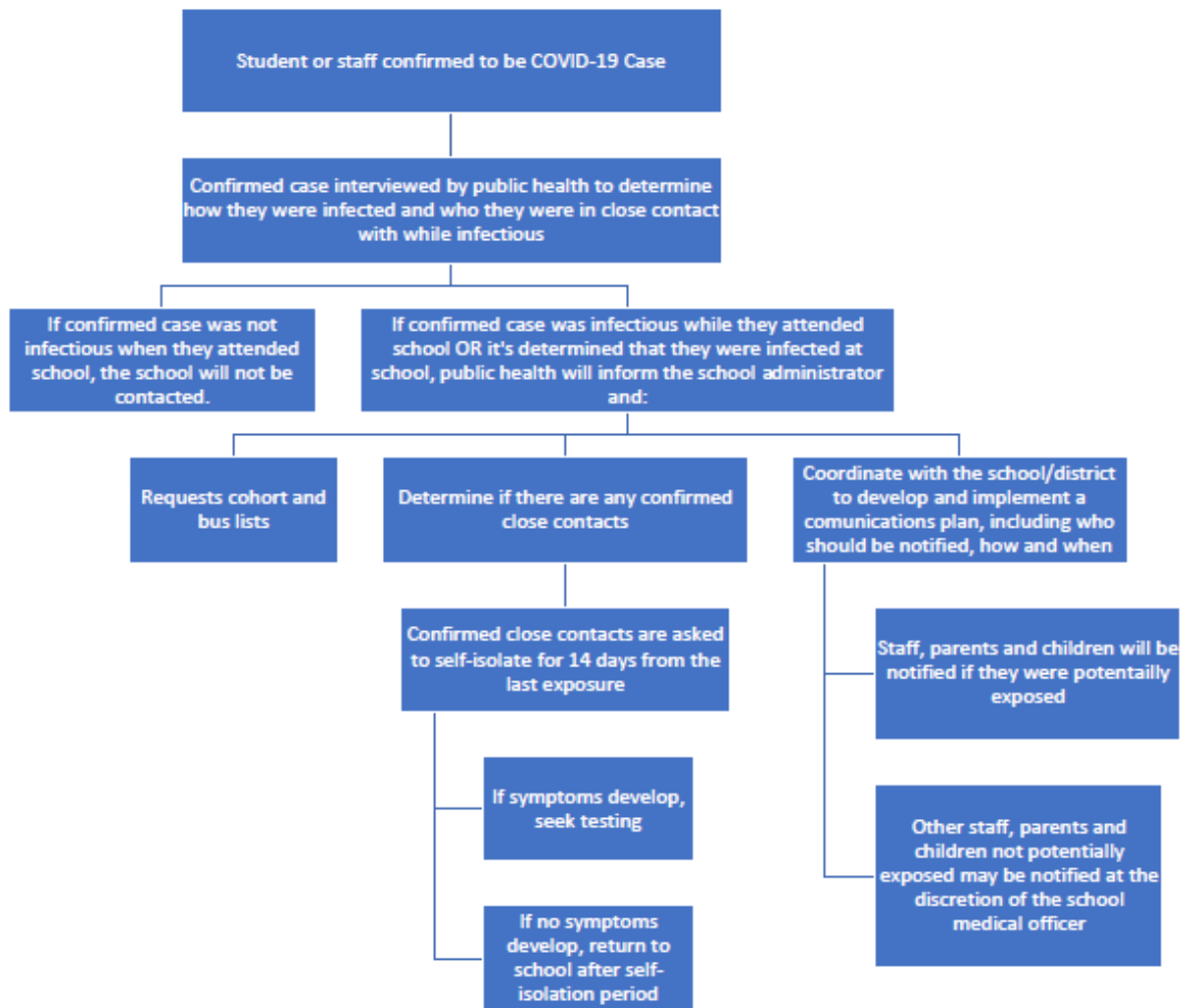
[BC CDC Guide for Caregivers & Household Members](#)

[BC CDC Dos and Don'ts of Self-Isolation: for those who may have been exposed but have no symptoms](#)

Attached:

BC CDC Appendix B: Public Health Actions if a Staff, Student or Other Person who has been in the School is a Confirmed COVID-19 Case

Appendix B: Public Health Actions if a Staff, Student or Other Person Who Has Been in the School is a Confirmed COVID-19 Case



Confirmed close contacts are determined based on the length of time of exposure and nature of the interaction. Only public health can determine who is a close contact.

