

September



## Dasmesh Punjabi School

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**Communicable disease prevention measures implemented at Dasmesh to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.**

[http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

- To prevent the spread of communicable disease including COVID-19, Dasmesh staff and students will be constantly reminded to (1) get vaccinated (2) practice health awareness (eg. regular hand cleaning) and (3) stay home when sick.
- Dasmesh students and staff will be encouraged to check regularly for symptoms of illness to ensure they do not go to school while sick. If they are sick, they should follow public health guidance and the recommendations of their health care provider.
- Dasmesh will support and respect the personal decision of wearing a mask or face covering throughout the day or during specific activities.
- Dasmesh school have recently replaced all the air filters in the school premises to improve indoor air quality and reduce the risk of virus transmission.
- Dasmesh school will ensure general cleaning of schools will occur regularly, with frequently touched surfaces cleaned more often (for example, once in a 24-hour period) and when visibly dirty. Dasmesh use commercial hand sanitizer products that have met Health Canada's requirements and are authorized for sale in Canada.
- If a student or staff member develops symptoms at school, (1) masks will be provided (2) will be isolated safely from others (with adult supervision if necessary) (3) parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up the student ASAP / staff will go home (4) thorough disinfection of the area will take place immediately (5) this student/staff will stay home and follow public health advice on when to return to activities
- Dasmesh will contact public health if they have concerns about communicable disease transmission within schools and require additional support.
- All visitors entering Dasmesh school premises and school facilities (during or after school hours), including community groups, must follow the school's communicable disease prevention measures, including staying home when sick.

- All music and physical education programs, sports, clubs and extracurricular activities at Dasmesh will resume. However, all students are encouraged to: (1) clean their hands before and after using shared equipment (2) not to share equipment that touches the mouth, like an instrument mouth piece or water bottle, unless cleaned and disinfected in between uses (3) cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing
- At Dasmesh, school assemblies, gatherings and events will resume. The number of participants will be set below the maximum capacity, as given by the Ministry of Education.
- Dasmesh school buses will follow normal seating and onloading/offloading practices.
- All Dasmesh International students, if any, arriving in or returning to B.C. are required to follow federal COVID-19 travel guidance.