

August 31, 2021

Welcome Back McCammon Families!

McCammon staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on September 7<sup>th</sup>, for the 2021-22 school year.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

- No school for Kindergarten students. Please refer to information mailed home regarding our Kindergarten Gradual Entry process. More information can be found on our school website.
- Students in grades 1-5 attend from 8:00-10:00 (school buses will be running for students who normally take an after-school bus)
  - Returning students will spend the morning with their last year's teacher (lineup at the same place your class lined up last year)
  - Students new to McCammon enter through the front doors to spend the morning with Mrs. Kushniryk in the library.

**Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> – First Full-Day for Students in Grades 1-5 (8:00-1:57)**

- Our regular school day is 8:00-1:57 with a morning warning bell at 7:55
- Please arrive as close to 7:55 as possible
  - students line-up at their last year's teacher line up
  - students work in grade groups for the day

**Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Full Day for Students in Grades 1-5**

- Please arrive as close to 7:55 as possible
  - students arrive and line-up as directed by the classroom teacher on Wednesday
  - students work in grade groups. When we receive the "green light" from the District that we can organize students into their 2021-22 classes, further communication will be sent home through email.

**School Routines**

- We are asking families to arrive as close to the 7:55 warning bell as possible and depart immediately after the 1:57 dismissal bell.
- Students are expected to leave school property immediately after dismissal
- **To minimize contact within the school, ONLY** students and staff will be allowed into the building beyond the front entrance area. All school doors will be locked after students enter in the morning. The front door will remain unlocked for parents/guardians who need to speak with office staff.
  - Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those directly working with students.
  - Parents/guardians can contact the school office by phone at (604)-795-7000 or by email at [mccammon@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:mccammon@sd33.bc.ca).
  - School staff contact information is located on our school website under "Staff".

- All staff and students will diligently practice recommended hand hygiene; this means they will wash their hands frequently during the day (e.g. each time they enter and leave their classroom, during activity transitions, before and after eating, etc.).
- Students need to bring their own refillable water bottle which can be filled at our contactless water bottle filling stations.

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as we took some time to ensure that we have a strong Communicable Disease Plan in place for students and staff. These guidelines have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

Below are some important highlights about our Communicable Disease Plan:

- Staff and students are to continue to do their own Daily Health Check and should remain home if they are not feeling well.
- Mask wearing indoors for all K-12 staff, visitors and students in grades 4 and 5, including at their desks and on school buses.
- Mask wearing indoors strongly encouraged for students in Kindergarten to grade 3, but this remains the choice of the student and their family.
- Continued posting of directional signage to manage traffic flow and prevent crowding.
- General cleaning of the premises, and the cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, will occur at least once in a 24-hour period.
- Continued focus on rigorous hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Maintain building air ventilation as per standards and specifications for ongoing comfort.

What is different for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Students will no longer be organized in learning groups/cohorts.
- Students/staff will not be required to social distance by 2 metres. We will work to implement measures such as respecting others personal space and engage in outside activities and learning as much as possible.
- A new Communicable Disease Plan will replace our School's Safety Plan. It will have many similarities to last year's Safety Plan but will reflect any ongoing measures and additional measures to be implemented as advised by public health.
- Regional Medical Health Officers will now have the authority to implement additional safety requirements at a regional, district or school level during times of increased community transmission of COVID-19.
- School gatherings and events will now align with provincial/regional public health recommendations and Orders.
- School sports; extra-curricular activities & assemblies; theater and dance performances; and staff gatherings and meetings can now occur.

### **Illness & Self-Assessment**

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with COVID-19 coming to school when they are infectious.

- Parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school. Utilize the provincial [K-12 Health Check app](#) for daily assessment of symptoms.

- If a student, staff or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school.
- Students, staff or other adults should stay at home when sick, as this is one of the most important ways to reduce the introduction to and the spread of COVID-19 in schools. The following resources provide guidance regarding specific symptoms of illness
  - Parents/caregivers and students can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#).
  - Staff and other adults can refer to BCCDC's "[When to get tested for COVID-19](#)"
  - Staff, students and parents/caregivers can also use the [BCCDC online Self-Assessment Tool](#), call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.
- When a staff, student or other adult can return to school depends on the type of symptoms they experienced (as indicated in the "K-12 Health Check app" and BCCDC "When to get tested for COVID-19" resource), if a COVID-19 test is recommended, and the type of illness they had (e.g. COVID-19 or other illness). See the attached [COVID19 Symptoms, Testing & Return to School](#) for more information regarding what to do when experiencing COVID19 symptoms.

Parents/Guardians, we ask that you spend some time going over the [K-12 Health Check app](#). Collectively to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is sick, that he/she remain home. Students showing symptoms while at school will be brought to the school office and parents will be contacted for immediate pick-up.

As we enter this school year, we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open.

The purpose of this letter was to share some initial information; we realize you may have unanswered questions about September. If you have questions, please email either of us and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

Warm regards,



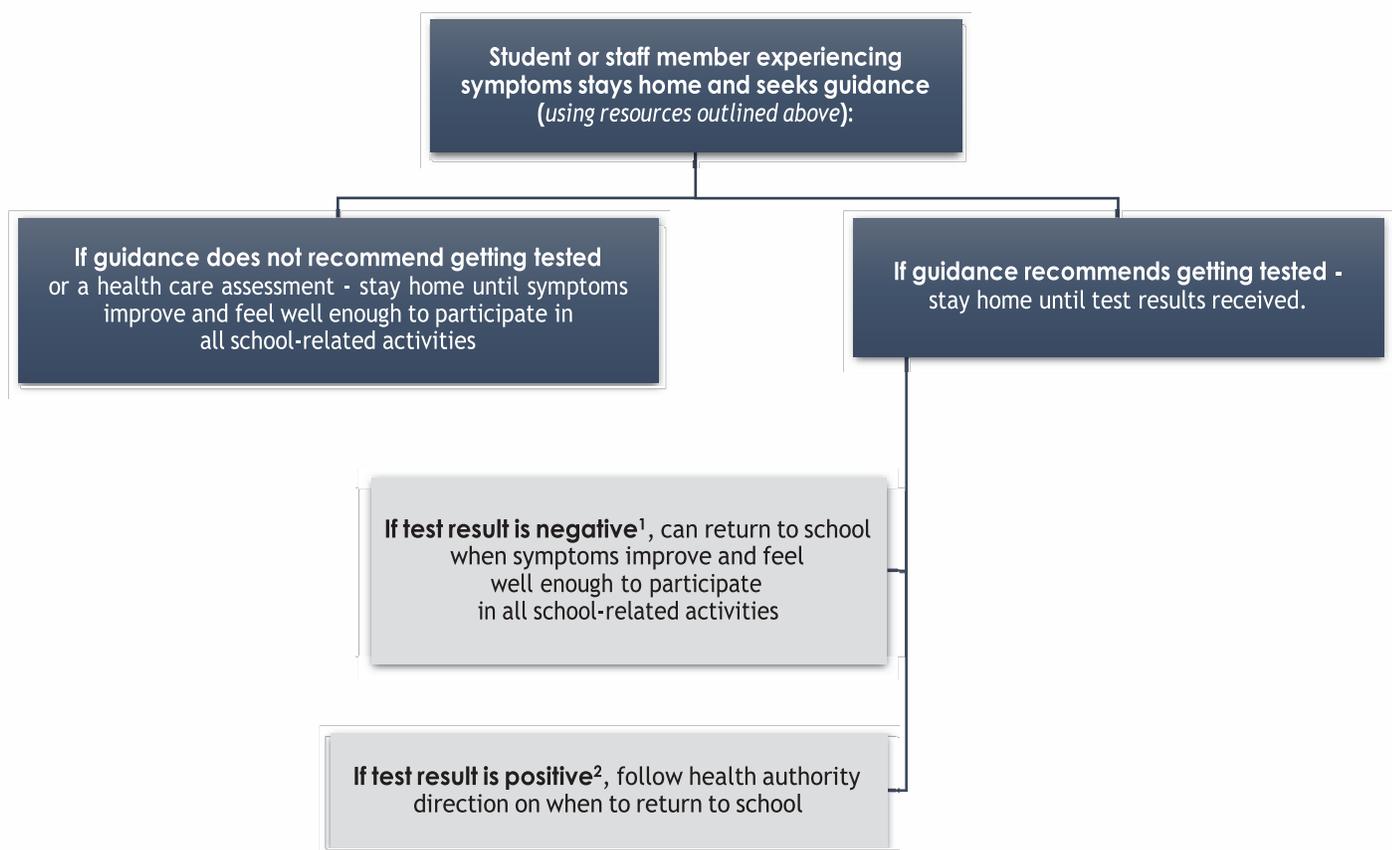
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## Appendix A: COVID-19 Symptoms, Testing & Return to School

When a student, staff or other adult can return to school depends on the type of symptoms they experienced and if a COVID-19 test is recommended. See the [K-12 Health Check app](#) and BCCDC [‘When to get tested for COVID-19’](#) resource for specific guidance. Staff, students and parents/caregivers can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#), or call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.



1. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless the person develops a new illness. [BCCDC](#) has information on receiving negative test results.
2. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test. Visit the BCCDC website for more information on [positive test results](#).