

ÉCOLE LA CONFLUENCE - CSF

Protocols for September 2020 return to school

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

Signs and symptoms:

For the safety and health of students and staff at our school, all students and staff members will have to do a daily health screening. Parents and staff will receive an electronic form that is a commitment to do a daily check-in of the following symptoms;

- Fever, chills;
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough;
- Shortness of breath;
- Sore throat;
- Runny nose / stuffy nose;
- Loss of sense of smell or taste;
- Headache;
- Fatigue;
- Diarrhea;
- Nausea and vomiting;
- Muscle aches;
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye);
- Dizziness, confusion;
- Abdominal pain;
- Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes.

If your children experienced any of these symptoms, the student won't be able to attend school. **Staff and students that experiences these symptoms and are unrelated to an existing condition will have to stay at home.**

*If a student develops one of these symptoms during the day, we will have to isolate that student until the parents can pick him/her up. If a staff member develops one of these symptoms, he/she will have to leave immediately.

Any student and staff within the school that travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days OR was identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential service workers. For self-isolate questions:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>

*To return to school, you will need to consult a health professional. You can call the health line 811. Make sure to keep the nurse name and their employee number.

*You can use the self-assessment tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19>

PROCEDURES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

In September 2020, all students will return to school full time. Since the total number of students and staff members doesn't exceed 60, our school will have one learning group.

Daily schedule:

Madame Chantal's class:

- 8:45 to 9:00: Students arrive at school (Outside supervision)
- 9:00: Classes starts
- 10:15 to 10:30: Recess
- 12:00 to 12:25: Lunch
- 12:25 to 12:52: Recess
- 3:00: End of classes and departure for bus

Madame Christine's class:

- 8:45 to 9:00: Students arrive at school (Outside supervision)
- 9:00: Classes starts
- 10:35 to 10:50: Recess
- 12:30 to 12:55: Lunch
- 12:55 to 1:22: Recess
- 3:00: End of classes and departure for bus

****If there is changes to the schedule, we will send the update at the latest Tuesday September 8th.**

Student arrival at school:

- All the students will enter through the playground door.
- Door will open at 9 AM and a staff member will be there to indicate the students when they can come in.
- There will be washing station at the entrance (hand sanitizer) for students to use before changing their shoes at the designated area.
- They will follow their teacher's instructions afterwards.

Student departure:

- All students will exit through playground door.
- They will need to sanitize their hands before leaving school.

Washing hands:

- The best way to protect yourself from contracting the virus is to wash your hands more frequently and to avoid touching your face.
- When possible, we will prioritise hand washing with warm water, soap and for 20 seconds. *Sinks will be installed in classrooms soon!
- We will have hand sanitizer when it's not possible to do hand washing.
- We will emphasize the importance of washing our hands mostly during those situations:
 - Before entering the bus;
 - Arrival at school;
 - Before and after school transitions (ex: gym, library, going outside etc.);
 - Before and after snacks and lunch;
 - After the use of washroom;
 - After touching an animal;
 - After blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing;
 - Before leaving school.

Hand washing stations:

- There will be hand washing stations at multiple places in the school with hand sanitizer: at both entrances, classrooms, library, gym, at the entrance of the principal's office, secretary's office and photocopy room.

Social distancing:

- Social distancing is still important for adults and we will keep our distances. For students, we ask them to avoid touching each other's but the 2-meter distance won't apply since they are all part of the same learning group.

Mask:

- Wearing a mask is not an obligation and often not necessary.
- We will be respectful to staff members and students that choose to wear a mask.
- Adults will wear a mask in small room where the physical distancing isn't possible.

Water:

- Students and staff members need to bring a bottle of water that should stay at school. Everyone will be able to fill their bottle of water at the water station on the first floor.

Recess:

- The 2 classes will have separate recess to make sure students have enough space. It will also be easier for the hallway circulation and for washing hands.

Lunch:

- Students will eat in their classroom. There will be a supervisor for each class.

Personal items:

- Each student will have a box, with their name on it for personal school supplies. Things like pencils, scissors, glue sticks etc. will not be shared among students.
- There will be no exchange of items between students.

Library books:

- At this time, there is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted via textbooks, paper or other paper-based products. As such, there is no need to limit the distribution of sharing/return of books.
- Books that have a laminated cover will be cleaned and disinfected daily if they are touched by multiple people or upon return.

School bag and lunch box:

- We are asking students to leave their personal items at home and only carry the necessary items for the day

Hallway circulation:

- There will be stickers (arrows) on the floor to indicate directions of movement.

Stickers on the floor and signs on the walls:

- There will be stickers on the floor to indicate the designated area where **adults** need to wait. The symbol will be rounds with footprints inside.
- There will be some signs on walls to remind everyone to wash their hands often and good respiratory practice.

Maximum capacity per room:

- Only rooms that staff use will have a maximum number to make sure the social distancing is respected.

VISITOR ACCESS

- Parents, general public, contactors and all staff outside the CSF won't be able to enter the school building.
- Only when necessary, the principal will approve anyone that needs to access the building.
- Phone calls, online meetings and emails are the best way to communicate with staff members.

FIRST AID

Development of symptoms and isolation room:

- If your child develops symptoms during the day, they will be placed in the isolation room (first aid room) until the parent comes to school to pick them up.
- One staff member will be designated to stay with the student.
- Masks will be worn.

First aid:

- If your child gets injured, they will receive first aid treatment as necessary in the corner where the photocopier used to be.
- The staff member giving first aid will wear a mask and gloves.

Exposure :

- Is someone test positive to COVID-19, the Health authority will take charge of the situation. Some of you may have been exposed. **It is really important to notice the principal if you think you have been exposed.** BCCDC is keeping an update list of public places where cases have been confirmed : <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures>

****All communications with the community regarding a potential case will need to be approved by the health authority. IF you have any question, please ask the principal.**

FIELD TRIP AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It will be possible to do extra-curriculum activities if the health and safety rules can be respected. Extra-curriculum activities between school are not possible at this time.

CLEANING

Public health authorities are requesting frequent cleaning (water and soap), the disinfection of frequently touched surfaces (switches, knobs, bathrooms, etc.) and a deeper school cleaning daily.

All CSF school will follow BCCDC and the Minister of Education recommendations. This include more frequent cleaning of dirty surfaces (soap and water) at least once per day and the disinfection of frequently touches surfaces twice per day. Garbage baskets will be emptied every day.

We will have enough hand sanitizer in place, soap and hand paper. We will have sanitizing bottles (approved) in each room with hand paper.

COMMUNICATION

- We will communicate with you regularly to let you know of any changes but also to let you know what is happening in the school.
- Please, visit our school website regularly to have the last updates;
<https://laconfluence.csf.bc.ca>
- We remind you that it is important to be careful about what the media gives as information. We ask you to wait for official information from the school or the superintendent, Michel St-Amant.
- If you have questions, or you have concerns, you can communicate directly with the school.