



PROVINCE ENHANCES SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

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KELOWNA, BC – The Ministry of Education’s announcement yesterday of enhanced safety guidelines will add some measures to Central Okanagan Public Schools’ existing safety plans and help ensure that our District continues to reduce the risk of transmission in schools and provide vital safe learning spaces.

Enhanced public health guidance will strengthen our existing safety measures and renew focus on key areas, including limiting gatherings, preventing crowding, and maintaining physical distancing among both staff and students.

In addition to the enhanced guidelines for physical education, music classes, and non-medical mask use outlined in the Ministry of Education news release, there are many specific updates to provincial guidelines for K-12 settings that can be found [here](#).

District and school health and safety committees will immediately begin the work to update their plans under the guidance provided by the Province and the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Central Okanagan Public Schools will continue to ensure that enhanced safety guidelines are followed in a positive, supportive, and inclusive manner. The District will continue to promote safety measures throughout schools by sharing accurate, timely information, providing clear, visual aids to students, and modelling compassionate and safe behaviour.

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