SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
SUNSHINE COAST

## SEPTEMBER RESTART

Special Regular Meeting of the Board Thursday, August 27th, 2020 Superintendent Patrick Bocking



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## HEALTH & SAFETY

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COVID-19 IN BC Wash your hands

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Put on your mask when you are in hallways, common spaces, or on the school bus. Don't share or trade masks. gov.bc.ca/COVID-19



# COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOL SETTINGS



## Coronavirus COVID-19 BC Centre for Disease Control | BC Ministry of Health



#### COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings

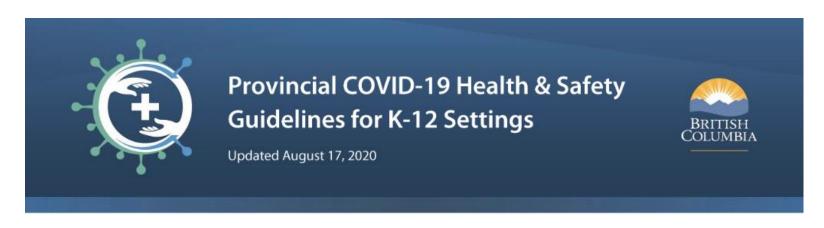
UPDATED: July 29, 2020

This guidance document is informed by <u>BC's Restart Plan: Next Steps to Move BC Through the Pandemic</u> and the <u>BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy</u>, and is aligned with <u>BC's COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Checklist</u>, <u>WorkSafe BC's COVID-19 Information and Resources</u> as well as <u>COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions</u>. It is also informed by lessons learned when partial in-class instruction resumed in June 2020. This document provides guidance for educators, administrators and support staff (hereafter referred to as staff) at public, independent and First Nations Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) schools to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain a safe and healthy school environment for students, families and staff. This document identifies key infection prevention and control practices to implement, as well as actions to take if a student or staff member develops <u>symptoms</u> of COVID-19.

School supports children in developing their potential and acquiring the knowledge, skills and abilities they need for lifelong success. In-person learning, as a part of a child's education, provides the opportunity for peer engagement, which supports social and emotional development as well as overall wellness. It also provides many children access to programs and services that are integral to their overall health and well-being.



## PROVINCIAL CV19 H&S GUIDELINES FOR K-12 SETTINGS



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### BC's Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education

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#### FRAMEWORK FOR K-12 EDUCATION.

K-12 Schools are in					
Remote learning for all	Remote learning with exceptions	In-class & remote learning	Learning groups: full-time in-class	Learning as usual: full-time in-class	
Stage 5	Stage 4	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 1	



## BC'S BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN







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#### B.C.'s Back to School Plan

Students in B.C. will return to in-class learning September 2020. B.C.'s plan includes new health and safety measures, increased funding for protective equipment like masks and new learning groups to help keep everyone safe.

Last updated: August 17, 2020

#### What Parents Need to Know

- Our plan
- Health and safety measures
- Increased funding
- Learning groups
- Orientation week
- COVID-19 science and children
- COVID-19 protocols
- Attendance requirements
- Supporting additional needs
- In the classroom

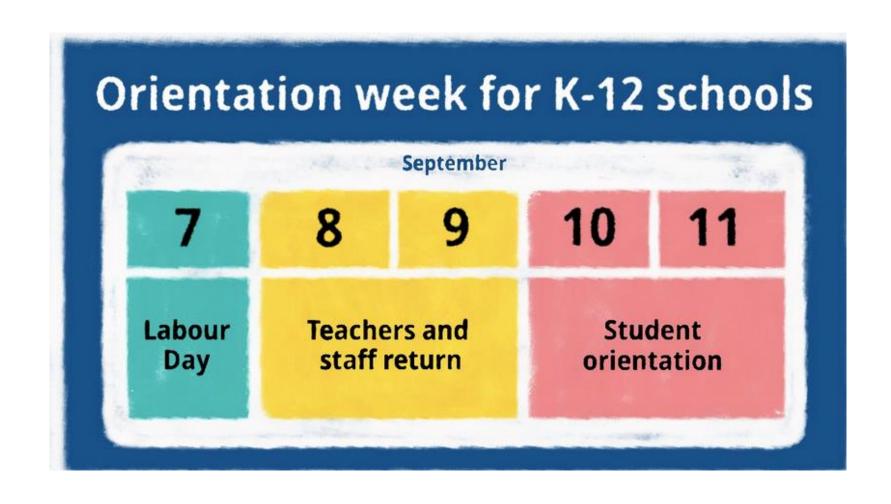








## ORIENTATION WEEK





## SD46 INFORMATION SHARING: WHAT ABOUT...?

## Frequently Asked Questions



In September 2020, schools will reopen in Stage 2 of B.C.'s FIVE STAGE FRAMEWORK FOR K-12 EDUCATION.



This FAQ is intended to answer some of your questions regarding the September school restart for K to 12 students at School District 46 – Sunshine Coast as well as other questions regarding education, resources, and supports during the CV19 pandemic. It is informed largely by the resources listed at the end of this document.



Note: The information shared here is based on the most current information we have. As more information becomes available, we will update this FAQ accordingly.



Q: What is the Five Stage Framework for K-12 Education?



A: The FIVE STAGE FRAMEWORK FOR K-12 EDUCATION outlines expectations for B.C. schools for learning during COVID-19.



The goal of the Framework is to maximize in-class instruction for all students while meeting the revised **BC CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL** (BCCDC) SCHOOL SAFETY GUIDELINES. The framework allows in-class instruction to be increased or decreased depending on the risk of transmission.



4 Q: School District 46 has shared that it is planning for the school restart. Can you share a timeline of what is happening between now a



## SD 46 IS OFFERING FOUR OPTIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES

- 1. Option one: Full time in-class instruction
- 2. Option two: transition phase (re-entry dates)
- 3. Option three: Sunshine Coast Online (not the SPIDER program)
- 4. Option four: Traditional Homeschooling (\*This is not the SPIDER program)



### OPTION ONE: FULL TIME IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION

• All schools have carefully prepared safety plans for COVID-19 exposure control according to the enhanced safety guidelines under Stage 2 of the BC Return to School Plan for the safe return of all students. In most elementary schools, your child's learning group will be their class mates and teacher. In secondary schools learning groups may be up to 120 students and staff. Any other interaction inside the school will require physical distancing and/ or the adult / Secondary student wearing a mask.

#### STUDENTS WITH IMMUNE SUPPRESSION

- According to the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control, most children who are immunocompromised can return to in-class instruction when safety measures are in place.
- Protective self-isolation is only recommended for children who are severely immunocompromised, as determined on a case-by-case basis.
- The advice from the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control for parents/caregivers of children with complex medical conditions or underlying risk factors, or parents/caregivers who are immunocompromised themselves, is to consult with their medical health care provider to determine the level of risk regarding their child's return to in-class instruction. Parents/caregivers seeking an alternative to in-class instruction, and who do not wish to register their child in a distributed learning program or homeschooling, will be required to obtain a doctor's note indicating the need for accommodations due to health-related risks.
- If attending in-class instruction is right for the child: schools will work with parents or caregivers to develop a plan that
  provides options for learning to ensure appropriate preventative measures are in place within the school setting.
- If attending in-class instruction is not right for the child: our schools will work with families to develop options to continue their child's education remotely.



#### OPTION TWO: TRANSITION PHASE

Parents who are not yet comfortable with their children attending in class will notify their child's principal by choosing this option. A simple structure and learning materials list (online resources, etc.) will be provided from which you would support the academic growth of your child until you're ready for your child to be back in school. This is NOT the remote learning that you recall from last year because your child's teacher is fully engaged in teaching the students present at school. Under this option, you may choose for your child to return to their classroom full time at set times during the school year. For clarity, Option 2: Transition, is intended for those parents who are not immediately ready to have their children attend their regular school.



# OPTION THREE: SUNSHINE COAST ONLINE (NOT THE SPIDER PROGRAM)

In this option students enroll with Sunshine Coast Online. Families will collaboratively plan with a district teacher rather than a teacher in your home school. Due to staffing limitations, you must be committed to the online program for the entire academic year and may only return to your home school should there be space available in the appropriate classroom. Students are supported at home by their parent or guardian. Under this program there is no connection with the home school and no physical attendance at any school. In this special circumstance of managing the pandemic, your child will be eligible to return in September 2021 to the school in which they were enrolled at the end of the 2019/2020 program.



# OPTION FOUR: TRADITIONAL HOMESCHOOLING (\*THIS IS NOT THE SPIDER PROGRAM)

- Option 4: Traditional Homeschooling (\*This is not the SPIDER program)
- All educational programming and supervision will be provided by their parent/guardian. The parent creates and delivers their own curriculum and all learning activities. A qualified teacher is not involved in the educational program. Students who remain in homeschooling in grades 10 to 12 are not eligible for a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma).

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## THE OPTIONS IN SUMMARY

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Full Time In-Class Instruction	Transition Phase	Sunshine Coast Online	Traditional Homeschooling
September orientation and 100% back to school.  *Families with physician diagnosed immune supression should choose option 1. Your child's principal will contact you regarding appropriate accomodations. Alternatively, you may choose another option.	Some delay in starting, some resources provided. Parents support learning program.Reentry schedule will be shared soon.	Collaboratively planning with a Distance Learning teacher. Parents support the program. Commitment for the school year.	Families responsible for their child's education

# TIMELINES

- Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Letters to staff and parents outlining educational programming
  - Special Board meeting
  - Survey to parents
- Tuesday, September 1
  - Survey closes, data sent to schools
- September 8, 9 Staff orientation
- September 10, 11 Student orientation (approximately 2 hours/ student)
- September 14<sup>th</sup> All students welcomed back for the 2020/ 2021 school year



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!





Welcome
BACK TO SCHOOL!