

SCHOOL RE-START GUIDE

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CVOLC / The Grove

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Malahat, Lake Cowichan, Quw'utsun, Halalt, Penelakut, Stz'uminus, & Lyackson Peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, and play. We are committed to ensuring a healthy educational environment for our xe'xe'smun'eem, our sacred children, that is based on science and inclusive of traditional knowledge and history.

DISTRICT INFO:

[Web Resources and Information](#)

PROVINCIAL INFO:

[B.C.'s Back to School Plan](#)

Describe the Learning Group model in the school.

Open Learning traditionally has a generalist model of instruction with teacher pairs. Students were sometimes offered the opportunity to branch off into electives with other cohorts however, this year we will keep students with their core pair of teachers. This will ensure that each cohort will be under 60.

Some teachers work at both the Grove and CVOLC. Those teachers will be considered Itinerant and will require the use of a mask when working with student and when physical distance cannot be maintained. These teachers will not be included in the learning group.

What specific Health and Safety Plans are in place for students and staff?

Hand-washing Stations and hand sanitization pumps will be located at the main entrance to each building.

Maximum occupancy will be posted on bathroom doors and other shared spaces

Traffic flow planning will be in place to reduce congestion in hallways and tight spaces using floor markings, arrows and posters.

Specific doors for entrance and exit will be designated. There can be multiple exits but there will be one entrance. Two-way flow downstairs will be necessary but signage will indicate one person on the staircase at one time.

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Any time students or staff are not in their assigned learning cohort, they are to be masked.

Maximum Occupancy 1 per washroom.

Sign-in / Sign-out will be used for any Itinerant staff and/or visitors to the school. Visitors and Itinerants are expected to be masked.

Parents are welcome to the school but only with a previously scheduled appointment. Meetings outside encouraged when possible.

All visitors to the school will be required to complete a daily health check before entering. Health Check is posted which we will reference.

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All students and staff are encouraged to only bring those items necessary to the school build and to avoid sharing of personal items.

Students and staff will regularly be reminded to maintain physical distance and safe hygiene practices through the use of verbal reminders, signage, modelling and initial school orientation.

Barriers will be in place locations where physical distance cannot be maintained. This will include shared spaces such as front reception areas and locations where food is distributed.

Students and staff will not be permitted to share personal food or drinks from home.

When required, food service will be completed in a way to minimize transmission, this includes regular handwashing, distance when serving, and the selection of products that limit the need to handle individual items.

Students will not be permitted to serve food.

General cleaning and disinfecting of the school site will occur daily.

All frequently touched areas, such as doorknobs, switches, will be cleaned at least twice in a 24-hour period.

All shared technology will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

What changes to course scheduling have been made?

Students will no longer be scheduled in electives outside of their cohorts.

AM / PM cohorts will remain entirely separate.

Students will not be permitted to come to into the building during times outside of their schedule cohort.

Itinerant teachers are not part of a cohort and thus, masks when physical distancing isn't possible.

Describe the plan to support students with diverse abilities.

Students with Diverse Abilities / Disabilities will be included in learning groups (cohorts) supported by school staff and district itinerant staff as needed.

Transition plans for a safe return to school (including IEP goals) will be reviewed in consultation with families and staff. Families will be required to complete the Daily Self Check for all students. Families with children who require extra support are encouraged to reach out to their school principal to discuss a safe transition to school. Families with children with diverse abilities considering Distributed Learning, please contact your School Principal.

According to the Provincial Health Officer and the Centre for Disease Control, most children who are immunocompromised can return to in-class instruction where safety measures are in place (<http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19-easing-social-distrancing-IS-children.pdf>). Should your child(ren) have a severe immune compromised condition, please consult with your School Principal and your medical practitioner (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/priority-populations/children-with-immune-suppression>). Families seeking an alternative to in-class instruction, and who do not wish to register their child in a distributed learning program or homeschooling, are encouraged to provide a doctor's note with specific information regarding the medical needs of the child which will assist the school team with planning for the continuity of learning. Schools will work with these families to ensure continuity of learning and supports are provided with accommodations. Specific accommodations for each child need to be developed in collaboration with families and school staff. School staff are committed to working with all families to ensure a safe and healthy return to school.

How will the school keep parents and students informed?

Cowichan Valley Open Learning and The Grove will encourage all parents to regularly check the School District 79 website for important updates. In addition to email distribution, we will also be regularly updating our school-based website and Facebook page. Students will be updated regularly by their teachers as the year progresses.

What are families' options if being in-school is not their decision?

After reviewing your school's plan for September start-up, if you are not intending on sending your son/daughter to their school, please contact your school's admin team to discuss options