

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health COVID-19 Guidance for Schools

Following these public health measures along with daily screening and documentation practices will be key to preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

Physical Distance



- Create separate drop-off/pick-up spots for different cohorts of students
- Use visual cues and ground markings to demonstrate 2-metre distance
- Use virtual technology for large gatherings, assemblies, and staff meetings
- Explore the use of all available space on school premises (indoors and outdoors) to facilitate physical distancing requirements

Hand Hygiene



- In the absence of soap and water, provide access to alcohol-based-hand-rub (min. 60%) in all rooms and school entrances
- Stagger lunch times to avoid crowding at hand washing locations
- Post hand washing and respiratory etiquette posters throughout schools

Face Coverings



- All staff and essential visitors in schools will be provided with a medical mask and required to wear a mask
 - Students in grades 1-12 are required to wear a non-medical face covering
 - Students in JK/SK are strongly recommended to wear a face covering, and to follow any school policies that may require wearing them
 - Face coverings are to be worn in hallways, during classes and on school vehicles
 - Students are required to wear face coverings outdoors when 2m distancing is difficult to maintain. School policies may mandate outdoor masks for certain grades.
- *Note: Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply



Screening

- All staff, students and parents must complete the daily screening assessment
- Staff or students with any symptoms must stay home
- Schools to conduct confirmation/proof of screening for all staff, visitors and secondary students
- Schools to follow protocol outlining "What to do when staff or students show symptoms while at school"



Documentation

- Keep record of any temporary staff or essential visitors that enter school premises
- Maintain up-to-date daily attendance records of regular staff, teachers and students
- Note the use of any shared locations and classrooms by different cohorts
- Ensure seating plans for school buses are submitted to Bus Planner

For more information, visit: wdgpublichealth.ca