



## NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

#### INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: September 7, 2022  
TO: Education Committee  
FROM: Scott Saywell, Superintendent  
SUBJECT: Updated Communicable Disease Guidelines

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#### Background

The Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 School Settings are developed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, in collaboration with the B.C. Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), Indigenous rightsholders and education partners, including teachers, parents and school leaders.

These guidelines build on public health guidance, and are used by boards of education, independent school authorities and schools to support communicable disease prevention planning.

- [ECC Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K to 12 Settings \(PDF, 355KB\)](#)
- [BCCDC COVID-19 Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K to 12 Schools \(PDF, 1.3MB\)](#)

#### Discussion

The guidelines are largely in line with how Districts finished in the June of 2022. The District will continue to maintain environmental, administrative and personal practices to address COVID-19.

Some of the highlights will include:

- Increased air exchange to ensure fresh outdoor air is introduced into classrooms;
- Continued use of MERV13 air filtration. All of the District's facilities (except one) have mechanical ventilation capable of supporting MERV 13 filters. The one facility that does

not will rely on portable filtration until a mechanical solution is installed by January (subject to change depending on supply chain issues);

- Caretaking services including disinfecting high touch surfaces. Further, the increased caretaker time will assist in addressing ability to “clean for health” including addressing facilities that may also face other health issues such as the spread of other communicable diseases;
- The continued requirement to remain home when ill and requirement to follow BCCDC guidelines with respect to COVID monitoring and self-isolation.