

FROM THE BOARD - September 2021:

Statement regarding the role of vaccines in the Covid 19 response at Sunrise Waldorf School

Sunrise understands and respects diverse perspectives and the rights of parents to make informed health decisions for their children. Our hope is that our community will engage with care, compassion, and consideration for our fellow human beings. Each of us is involved in the ongoing work of creating a space of goodness, beauty, and truth for our children.

Sunrise Waldorf School is legally required to operate within the health and safety protocols outlined by the Government of British Columbia for K-12 school environments. We are also required to communicate these protocols to our school community. These can be referenced in the following documents: [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), [BC Centre for Disease Control's Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#).

We appreciate your support in helping us to fulfill the obligations of our school.

Sincerely,

Patrick Jackson (Board President), Arden Koontz, John LeFebvre, Wendy Mandorla, Kendra Stiwich

December 8, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination for Children 5-11 years old

Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for children 5-11 years. **Consent is required for this vaccine.** We are not planning on having a vaccine clinic at Sunrise. For more information, please see the [attached](#).

October 18, 2021

It has come to our attention that there are some questions about how and when the school will communicate with parents and guardians when someone in the community has received a positive COVID-19 test. A positive test in our community does not necessarily mean there has been a COVID-19 exposure at school.

What constitutes an exposure at school and how will Public Health and the school administration communicate if we have an exposure at school?

An exposure occurs if a person attends school when they may have been potentially infectious with a communicable disease (e.g., COVID-19) and there is a risk of transmission to others. Public Health follows up with every person who tests positive for COVID-19, conducts contact tracing, advises what steps must be taken by the individual (including whether family members need to self-isolate or not), and determines whether there has been a potential exposure at a school. [Read more](#)

October 1, 2021

Expanded Health and Safety Measures for K-12 Students:

There are updates to the [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) and the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) to require masks for kindergarten to Grade 3 students. The rollout will begin on Monday, October 4 when all students in B.C. schools will be required to wear a mask when inside a school building,

including while at their desks and on buses. This measure builds on the existing guidelines that currently apply to all students in Grades 4 to 12. See our [2021-22 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#)

September 13th 2021

Below you will find the information related to the start of our 2021 - 2022 school year. We know this is an exciting and anxious time for many of our students and families, so we wanted to share with you what we've put in place under the guidelines of the Public Health Officer, Island Health, and the Ministry of Education, Communicable Disease Prevention Plan.

We want to thank families for their patience as we continue to build this resource. We hope this will be a convenient and reliable way to keep all our communicable disease-related communications as up-to-date and timely as possible. Like you, we are experiencing changes in provincially mandated education and health policies in real time. We appreciate your patience, and we will do our best to keep you informed. Our number one goal is to create a safe environment for your children to learn and flourish. Please take time to read through the information.

Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

Sunrise Waldorf School realizes that the ongoing pandemic has had an effect on staff and students.

In addition to taking measures to protect physical health, the school has an obligation to attend to social and emotional well-being by implementing psychological safety measures and trauma-informed practice for returning students and staff. See our [2021-22 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#)