



# St. Francis de Sales School

6656 Balmoral Street, Burnaby BC V5E 1J1

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## Return to School Safety Plan re: COVID-19

In accordance with the Ministry of Education's K-12 directive, beginning on September 7, 2021, St. Francis de Sales School resumed K-7 in-class instruction. In-class instruction only continues to be provided for all students within the revised public health guidelines

## COVID Updates

The revised [K-12 Communicable Disease Guidelines](#) were released (and come into effect on April 16<sup>th</sup>) and reflect the confidence public health officials have in the K-12 sector's ability to respond effectively to communicable disease matters in a purposeful, safe and respectful manner. This was predictable, as reports to the Steering Committee from the sector, regarding schools' experience with the move to personal choice for PPE use, was overwhelmingly positive. I must direct the deserved credit to independent school leaders for your depth of understanding of your school communities that has allowed you to manage these, and future changes - with respect, compassion and grace.

## Travel

- On April 22, the Government of Canada announced [updated easing of certain border measures](#), which come into effect this **Monday April 25, 2022**. This includes a number of changes, such as - **all fully vaccinated travellers will no longer be required to provide a quarantine plan upon entry or be required to wear a mask while in public spaces (including schools) for 14 days after arrival.**

## In-School

- School gatherings and events: There is no specific capacity limit for school gatherings and events that bring together multiple classes such as assemblies, mass or other school wide activities.
- Spectators (e.g., parents, caregivers, peers), may be present for gatherings and events (e.g., attend performance productions, inter-school sports games and tournaments, etc.) within capacity limits.
- Schools should not implement proof of vaccination requirements for school-led gatherings and events.
- The distribution of the **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)** kits for students is complete. Each student has been provided with a 5-pack box of tests to have at home to use if needed.

**Be assured that we continue to follow safety practices such as hand sanitizing, voluntary mask wearing and cleaning surfaces regularly. As well, it's critical that everyone continue to monitor their own health and stay home if they are sick.**