

Johnathan Academy Health & Safety Plan September 2020

Johnathan Academy **Health and Safety Plan** is in place for the start of school in September 2020 which will be:

- Our First Opening Year
 - With 12 students registered
 - And 3 teaching staff.
1. Our plan (see below) describes how Johnathan Academy is protecting its students and staff by implementing the **province's health and safety measures**.
 2. Our plan is **flexible** and our registration numbers are small so that, if the Ministry announces a move from one stage to another, the school will easily modify and adapt what it does to meet the requirements of a target stage.
 3. The **Johnathan Academy Health & Safety Plan** strives to meet all the mandated **provincial health requirements** and our plan covers all the **Worksafe BC mandated requirements**. Our plan takes all the following aspects into consideration:

Safety for students and staff

Cleaning and sanitizing

Buses and school transportation

Food services

Communication strategies

Documentation and training

Safety responsibilities by role

4. PLAN DETAILS

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

Timetables:

Timetable - stage 2 see attached

Timetable - stage 3 & 4 – these two stages will have a similar look as our numbers are only 12 students and we are well within the acceptable cohort numbers of secondary schools. If necessary we will switch to two days in school per week with alternate days of deep cleaning and sanitization.

Timetable stage 5 – We will move to exclusively remote learning (online learning only).

Our total compliment of teachers will be only three, hence all three teachers will be involved at each stage.

ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

SOCIAL DISTANCING CLASSROOM SIZES:

Johnathan Academy is opening its doors for the first time this September with a total registration number of 12 students. This will easily enable us to space students apart by 6 or more feet.

Desk locations will be marked on the floor and no altering of placement will be permitted – with empty ‘spacer tables’ in between.

There is ample classroom space for this arrangement considering our few students as well as to accommodate future additional increase in student numbers.

Students will wear face masks at all times. Our students are all Chinese in origin and are culturally acclimatized to the custom and practice of wearing face masks in school and in their community. Presently the schools in china require face masks.

Students will be expected to social distance within the school and to wear face masks – Social interaction will not be curtailed as students will have ample opportunity to interact from an acceptable distance within the classrooms.

HYGIENE:

Our school policy around when students should wash their hands will include, at minimum:

- When they arrive at school and before they go home
- Before eating and drinking
- After using the toilet
- After sneezing or coughing into hands or tissue
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty
- When moving between different learning environments (e.g., outdoor-indoor transitions, from the gym to the classroom).

HALLWAYS:

The mandatory wearing of face masks at all times in all school locations will be required except the cafeteria which will necessitate a staggered usage – a schedule will be made available.

Social distancing in narrow hallways will be encouraged though challenging due to dimensions; however, safety will be achieved by a LEFT and RIGHT sided walking flow of traffic and the mandatory wearing of face masks at all times and in all locations.

Instruction: how will teaching change depending on the learning group sizes and classroom sizes, e.g., less group instruction, more individualized work

ENTRANCE AND EXIT:

Students will enter the school via an elevator – No more than 2 occupants at a time. They will be required to wear face masks in the elevator and stairwell.

When departing, they will leave via the stairwell.

Visitors:

Visitors will be required to make an appointment. They will be asked if they are showing symptoms and if they have been recently exposed to someone showing symptoms.

A Maximum 2 scheduled by appointment visitors on the fourth floor will be allowed. Wearing a face mask on the premises will be mandatory for visitors. Visitors will be restricted to the lobby and Office areas.

Lunches, Recess, Breaks:

Lunch in the cafeteria will be divided into 3 separate intervals and then students will be encouraged to pass the remainder of their free time outdoors. All supervision will be done by the Principal.

Locker access:

No locker use during this time will be necessary and students will transport their supplies in personal backpacks – without sharing supplies.

Staff lunches:

Our small teaching staff number (3) can social distance while eating. There will be staggered lunch breaks for Office staff and teaching staff.

Absence policies:

Our Office will inquire daily regarding any absence and symptoms within the students' households (Secretary will call homes).

Our Office will contact Parents and Guardians in the event of an occurrence of symptoms and/or a case of COVID 19 to indicate that there has been a student showing symptoms and/or a case of COVID 19 at the school.

If students are feeling symptoms or if they are feeling ill, they are to stay at home and self-monitor or self-isolate. This expectation will be communicated to all homes.

Medical protocols:

If a student or staff member starts exhibiting symptoms, a room has been designated as a safe waiting area for pick up – followed by total school sanitation, and a direct message to all parents and all homestay homes for a 2 week period of self-isolation and instruction will be transferred to online format.

All students/staff coming into contact with that sick person, are to self-monitor for symptoms and, if required, to self-isolate.

PPE requirements - facemasks will be made available in each room, as well as hand sanitizer, PPE glasses and face mask for our secretary.

Training: Staff in-service (September 08, 09) will be offered before students arrive Sept.10.

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Dear School Administrators, Teachers, and Staff

Re: COVID-19 health & safety considerations for safe return to school

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration toward the health and safety of students and staff as you welcome them back to school. We draw your attention to a few important considerations and program updates.

1. Health & safety plans –The provincial [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) has been updated and thus your COVID health and safety plans may need to be adjusted. Important updates include the following:

What if a student or staff develops symptoms at home or school?

Anyone with NEW symptoms of COVID-like illness that are not associated with a known chronic condition, such as allergies or asthma should stay home and monitor their illness for 24 hours. If symptoms develop at school, they should be isolated until they can be sent home. **Key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.**

Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild and are similar to other respiratory infections. Most people with these symptoms do not have COVID-19.

- For mild symptoms without fever, students and staff can monitor at home for 24 hours and return if symptoms improve.
- If symptoms include fever OR if after 24 hours, mild symptoms remain unchanged or worsen, a health assessment is advised. The health assessment will determine whether a COVID-19 test is warranted. A doctor's note should not be required for a return to school.

Please note: Schools are not required to report suspected COVID-19 cases or absenteeism to local public health.

What will happen if there is a confirmed COVID-19 exposure at school?

If a staff or student is a confirmed case of COVID-19, public health will identify if they were at school during their infectious period, the period during which COVID-19 may be transmitted to other people. If public health determines that there was an exposure risk at school, we will notify the school administrator and work with them to provide further notification and recommended actions to exposed individuals or classrooms as required.

If there is a suspected or positive case of COVID-19, please do not notify staff, students or parents, unless directed to by public health. To maintain personal privacy rights, public health will not disclose if a student or a staff member is a confirmed case of COVID-19, unless information is required to support effective contact tracing.

2. Student and staff mental & physical well-being – During this time, we understand that many students and staff are feeling anxious and overwhelmed. To support a positive school experience, we encourage you to explore the provincial [Erase website](#) for a list of mental health resources for parents, caregivers, students and staff that are focused on building safe, caring and resilient school communities. Given the links between mental and physical health, we also encourage you to explore ways to integrate greater opportunities for movement during the school day, including the promotion of [active transportation to and from school](#), which also has infection prevention benefits.

3. Temporary changes to routine in-school health services –Due to the volume of work related to pandemic response and upcoming influenza campaign, there are a number of changes to delivery of health services in school. Hearing and vision screening for K students, and routine annual in-person staff training on managing emergency medical issues is on hold in many areas. Public health audiology clinics remain open and schools can refer students with hearing concerns to their local public health audiology clinic. On-line training will be organized for staff to support them in the management of emergency medical issues (anaphylaxis, seizures, diabetes and glucagon administration). If you have students with these conditions and your staff require the training, please connect with your local public health unit. In school immunization clinics are also delayed in many areas of VCH. Plans for future school-based services will be restarted in collaboration and communication with you.

In closing, we thank you for your attention to ensuring a safe and healthy school year. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, the programs and services we offer or you wish to discuss your COVID safety plans, please contact your local Medical Health Officer who is also your School Medical Officer.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit www.vch.ca or www.bccdc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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