



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

◆ Squamish ◆ Whistler ◆ Pemberton

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is an update on our District's interventions, and general health precautions recommended for prevention and control of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.

In an abundance of caution, we have taken these preventative measures to ensure student health and safety:

- increased custodial staff;
- increased cleaning of high touch surface areas;
- increased tap run time;
- provided the attached Vancouver Coastal Health handwashing poster, which schools have installed in washrooms;
- 20 second soap and water handwashing routine taught and exercised with students directly; and,
- Sanitizing buses twice daily.

As a general reminder to promote good hand hygiene, children in the school setting and at home, should clean their hands using soap and water:

- before leaving home and on arrival at school;
- after using the toilet;
- after breaks and sporting activities;
- before food preparation;
- before eating any food, including snacks; and,
- before leaving school.

To promote good respiratory etiquette, please remind your child to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into their arm. As always, students and staff who are ill are asked to stay home. Please remember to inform the school office of absences.

Throughout the month of March, VCH is conducting walk through inspections in our schools, which will continue into our spring break. As this is a rapidly changing situation, for the duration of spring break and before you return to school following the spring break, please check in to our [District's website](#) for additional information surrounding COVID-19.

Remember to eat well, be active, and to get plenty of rest!