

Updated COVID-19 Protocols ... updated January 24, 2022



The Chinook's Edge [Harm Reduction AP 4:33](#) came into effect on January 10, 2022. Please refer to this AP for guidelines for staff, visitors and contractors. Thank you.

- Visitors - by appointment only, will be permitted in school buildings. Appointments with external consultants (non CESD Staff) are permitted if approved by the Principal. All visitors must wear masks.
- Masks have been mandated for students in grades 4-12 and all school staff. For details on Alberta Health mask requirements, including information on mask exemption conditions, please [refer to this link](#). Masks are not required if seated, and facing forward in the classroom.
- Schools will maintain physical distancing, through such measures as staggering hallway breaks, recess, post traffic flow signage, and limiting bathroom occupancies.
- K-6 Cohorting: Students Grades K-6 will be assigned to a cohort and maintain this cohort wherever possible (including lunch and recess breaks), unless it is required for operational purposes (ie. teacher and an EA working with the same classroom cohort).
- Schools will maintain drop off/pick up protocols to support distancing, and designate entrances for cohort groups of students. Parents/guardians will remain outside during pick up/drop off times.
- All CESD School staff meetings and school council meetings will be online.

Sports, music and fine arts activities for *students* will be permitted, under the following guidelines:

- **Athletic event spectators - 1 parent spectator per athlete will be permitted for grade 7-12 indoor athletic events. (All events must adhere to 1/3 fire code capacity.)**

CESD Masking Expectations for Athletes

- All players must wear a mask when entering the location of play (school or gymnasium) while in hallways, change rooms and continue wearing a mask until beginning athletic play.
- Players participating in athletic play are not required to wear a mask when on the court.
- During game play, players are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when seated on the bench. (Athletes returning to the bench may delay the wearing of their mask after substitution until their heart rates have lowered)
- All coaches and other non-players including score keepers are required to wear a mask at all times.

Inter-school, and League Play

- CESD school athletic teams are permitted to participate in inter-school or designated league play. This play may include games during the week and on weekends.
- Athletic teams may gather in the location of play no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of play. When seated, all team members will wear masks and sit a minimum of 2 meters from other spectator groups.

Tournament Play

- Effective *January 27* CESD schools may resume tournament play ensuring the following guidance is followed:
 - CESD Schools hosting and participating in tournaments will be required to communicate to the school principal how COVID risk will be mitigated.
 - CESD athlete masking, and spectator expectations will be clearly communicated out to teams participating in tournaments.
 - CESD tournament organizers will ensure adequate non-coaching supervision is present throughout the duration of the event.
 - Every effort will be made to schedule games to minimize interaction between teams before, after game play.
 - During tournament play teams will not be permitted as spectators in the gymnasium.
 - School teams will be limited to gathering in the gym no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of play.
 - Schools will provide a team classroom during the tournament to minimize interactions between other teams and cohort groups between scheduled play.

Performance Guidelines:

Students are able to participate in a group performance activity (i.e., singing, dancing, playing instruments, theatre) as part of their education program curriculum.

- Maintain 2 metres physical distancing between participating students, where possible.
- Singers and wind instrument musicians should keep 2 metres away from other performers and individuals at all times.
- Wind instruments should be equipped with a cover intended to prevent droplet transmission.
- In indoor settings, groups should not sing or play wind instruments for more than 30 minutes at a time, with a 10-minute break afterwards to allow for air exchange in the room.
- When performance activities involve singing, all singers, including students in kindergarten through grade 3, are strongly encouraged to wear masks when singing indoors.

General Guidelines:

- Outdoor school celebrations and events during the school day will be limited to students and staff temporarily.
- Sharing resources, manipulatives, technology and other materials amongst cohorts is permitted.
- Any food brought from home for sharing must be distributed by school staff - purchased/prepackaged food from home only at this time, nothing homemade. School Nutrition programs may continue.
- Community use of schools will be paused during these temporary measures.
- Field trips may continue if they meet the provincial guidelines.
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held virtually until further notice. Special circumstances must be discussed with the principal.
- Full school assemblies will continue to be postponed until further notice.
- All Division Office meetings will move to an online format until further notice.
- Please continue to refer to this [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) to monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19.

Thank you for your support, as we continue our efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19