



Fernie Secondary School

COVID-19 Health & Safety – April 2021

Safe, Kind & Calm On Our Learning Journey Together

FSS adheres to the following guidelines:

1. [Ministry of Education COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

- Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's health **EACH DAY**
 - Complete the **COVID-19 Self-Assessment – Updated Feb 2021** (See Appendix A)
 - Do NOT submit the **COVID-19 Self-Assessment** to FSS
 - If you answer "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should NOT come to school
 - If a student develops symptoms while at school a parent/guardian must pick them up
- **Transportation:** Private vehicle use and active transportation are encouraged (e.g. walking or biking)
 - Students should arrive at school no more than 5 minutes before the bell
 - Parent/guardians are required to stay outside of the building for drop off and pick up
 - Busing will be available consistent with SD 5 transportation eligibility policy
- **Appointments:** If your child has an appointment during the day, please communicate with their teacher and the office in advance to arrange for pick-up and return to school
- Please provide a filled water bottle daily as fountains are closed – refill stations remain open
- All school-wide assemblies and other school-wide events will be held virtually (Zoom or Teams)
- **Extra-curricular activities** will be limited and competition between schools is not permitted in Stage 2

LEARNING GROUPS

- Students and staff are organized into learning groups EACH QUARTER
 - Learning group size guidelines: Grades 7-9 = 60 people; Grades 10-12 = 120 people
- When indoors, staff (both within and outside of their learning group), must maintain a 2m physical distance whenever possible AND wear a mask; except when:
 - There is a barrier in place
- When outdoors, staff (both within and outside of their learning group) must have a mask on when less than 2m from others



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS – COVID-19 PROTOCOLS (April 2021)

Student Checklist		✓
Bus	Mask on at all times	
	No eating or drinking	
Outside	Mask on when less than 2m apart from others (before/after school, during lunch)	
	Maintain 2m physical distance from others whenever possible	
	Line up at teacher cone at 8:35am (morning) or 12:10 (lunch) – mask on	
Classroom	Mask on at all times	
	Mask on when working with others	
	Minimize physical contact and face-to-face interactions	
	Students are spread out as much as possible	
	Designated snack times and/or areas (TBD by classroom teacher)	
Lunch ➤ At FSS	Stay in assigned seat when eating – minimize face-to-face interactions when eating	
	No sharing of food, drinks, or personal items	
	Mask on when out of seat	
	Sanitize desk/table when finished eating	
	Leave through the nearest exit – mask on	
	Line up at teacher cone by 12:10pm – mask on	
Lunch ➤ Not at FSS	If students leave the school at lunch they are permitted to re-enter the building when their class is picked up by the teacher at the bell – 12:13pm	
	Students may re-enter the building after leaving at lunch if they have pre-arranged with a staff member to participate in an extracurricular activity or receive help on school work	
Gym	For low intensity exercise mask on at all times when indoors	
	For high intensity exercise students are spaced at least 2m apart (wearing a mask is optional) – go outside for high intensity exercise as much as possible	
	Mask on when in the change rooms	
Common Areas	Mask on at all times	
	Maintain 2m physical distance from students in other learning groups	
	Follow directional arrows – keep to the right in hallways, use correct stairways, only enter the Traynor Hall traffic circle if clear (i.e. those in the circle have the right-of-way)	
	Students enter the building with their teacher	
	Students exit the building through the nearest exit	

HEALTH & SAFETY

FSS continues to follow the [BC Centre for Disease Control Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings](#) guidelines for Coronavirus COVID-19

- General cleaning and disinfecting of building at least once every 24 hours
- Clean and disinfect highly touched surfaces at least twice every 24 hours

School doors are be locked during the day to control public access

- Appointments are required for all visitors
- Contact office to schedule an appointment: 250-423-4471 or fss.mailing@sd5.bc.ca
- Visitors must complete the **COVID-19 Self-Assessment** before entering FSS (QR Code posted at main entrance and in office)



SHAPE OF THE DAY – REVIEW

School Schedule:

Period 1 – 8:37 to 11:23

Lunch – 11:23 to 12:13

Period 2 – 12:13 to 2:58

1 st QUARTER	2 nd QUARTER	3 rd QUARTER	4 th QUARTER
Sept-Nov	Nov-Feb	Feb-Apr	Apr-Jun
Class 1 Class 2	Class 3 Class 4	Class 5 Class 6	Class 7 Class 8

Arrival:

- Students arrive at school at school 5 minutes before the bell
- Students go to their grade level door (See Appendix B) and line up at their teacher cone
- Students enter FSS with their class when greeted by their teacher
- Students wash/sanitize hands upon entering the school
- Students walk to class escorted by their teacher

Note: Students who arrive at school early because of bus or parent schedule can come in the gym and are organized by their morning class – ENTER through bus loop doors

Classroom:

- Students have assigned seating
- Students stay in the classroom except to use the washroom – **No wandering the hallways**
- Students disinfect hard-surfaced shared learning items, table tops and chairs after use
- Students go outside for place-based learning and outdoor education/exercise as much as possible

Breaks/Lunch:

- Students move through the building according to flow patterns (marked with signage)
- Students have access to washrooms specifically assigned to grades
- Students are encouraged to stay at school during lunch:
 - The cafeteria is open for students and staff to purchase lunch
 - Students have assigned learning group seating for eating lunch
 - If students leave FSS at lunch, they are permitted to return at the end of lunch

Dismissal:

- Students wash/sanitize their hands and leave promptly through the nearest exit
- Bus students that stay inside are supervised – masks on and physically distant

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

- In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case, the Provincial Health Organization (PHO) will be contacted and FSS will follow the appropriate protocol
 - If teachers and/or students are required to self-isolate, FSS will coordinate distributed learning instruction



Appendix A: COVID-19 Self-Assessment (Feb 2021)

Please do not enter the school or district facility if any of the answers below are Yes.

Daily Health Check				
1.	Symptoms of Illness	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	Circle One	
		Fever (above 38 C) or chills	Yes	No
		Cough	Yes	No
		Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
		Difficulty breathing	Yes	No
		Sore throat	Yes	No
		Loss of appetite	Yes	No
		Extreme fatigue or tiredness	Yes	No
		Headache	Yes	No
		Body aches	Yes	No
		Nausea or vomiting	Yes	No
		Diarrhea	Yes	No
2.	International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3.	Confirmed Contact	Have you been notified by Public Health to isolate or identified as a close contact?	Yes	No

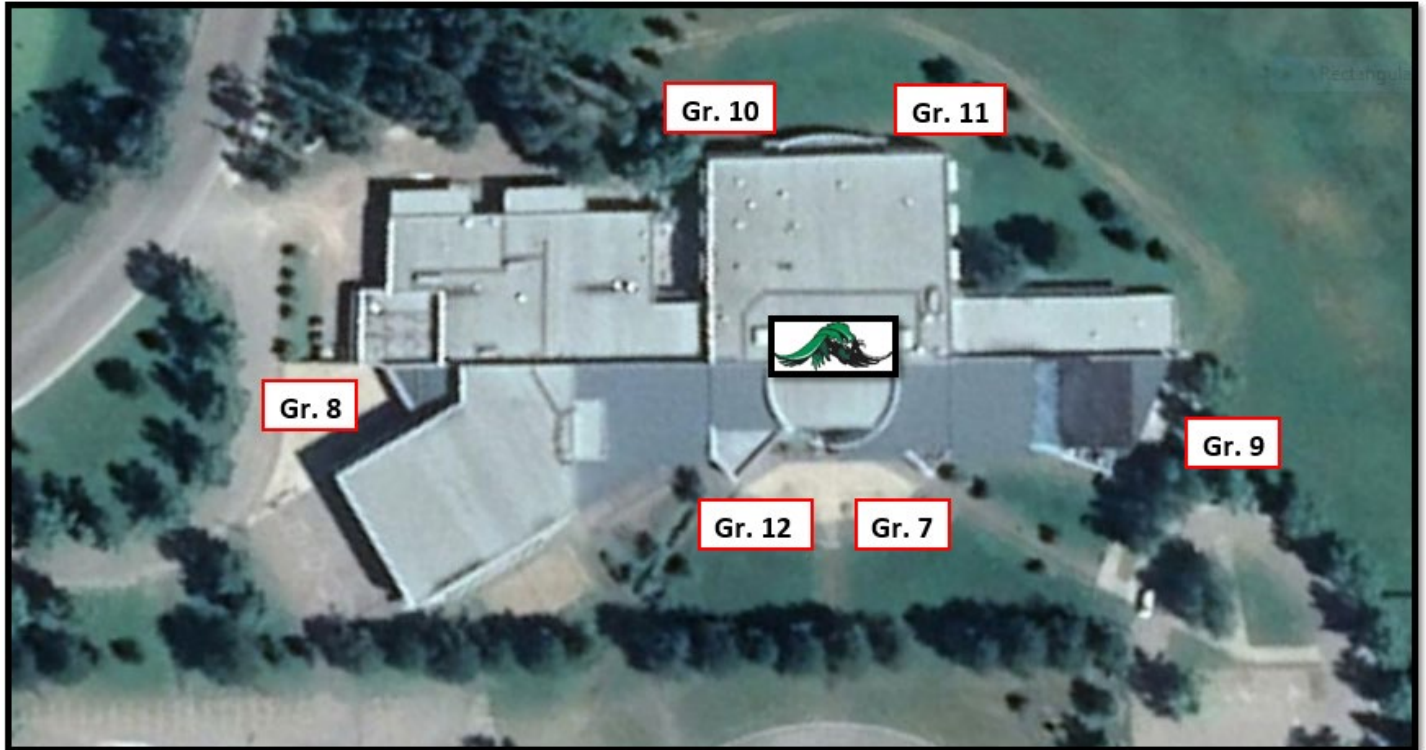
If you are displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19, refer to HealthLink BC at 811

Refer to the BC CDC Document "[When to get tested for COVID-19](#)" for further direction if you are displaying the abovementioned symptoms



Appendix B: Fernie Secondary Grade Level Entrances

Note: If Students are late they enter through the main doors by the front office (Gr. 9 door)





Appendix C: Summary of School-Based Control Measures



1. STAY HOME WHEN SICK

All students and staff with common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other respiratory diseases must stay home and self-isolate.



2. HAND HYGIENE

Everyone should clean their hands more often!

Thorough hand washing with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness.



3. RESPIRATORY AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

Cover your coughs.

Do not touch your face.

No sharing of food, drinks, or personal items.



4. PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND MINIMIZING PHYSICAL CONTACT

Spread students and staff out to different areas when possible.

Take students outside more often.

Stagger break and transition times. Incorporate individual activities.

Remind students to keep their hands to themselves.



5. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice every 24 hours (once during the school day).

General cleaning of the school should occur at least once a day.

Use common cleaning and disinfectant products.

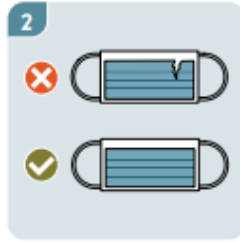


Appendix D: How to Use a Mask

Help prevent the spread of COVID-19: How to use a mask



1 Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before touching the mask. If you don't have soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



2 Inspect the mask to ensure it's not damaged.



3 Turn the mask so the coloured side is facing outward.



4 Put the mask over your face and if there is a metallic strip, press it to fit the bridge of your nose



5 Put the loops around each of your ears, or tie the top and bottom straps.



6 Make sure your mouth and nose are covered and there are no gaps. Expand the mask by pulling the bottom of it under your chin.



7 Press the metallic strip again so it moulds to the shape of your nose, and wash your hands again.



8 Don't touch the mask while you're wearing it. If you do, wash your hands.



9 Don't wear the mask if it gets wet or dirty. Don't reuse the mask. Follow correct procedure for removing the mask.

Removing the mask



1 Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



2 Lean forward to remove your mask. Touch only the ear loops or ties, not the front of the mask.



3 Dispose of the mask safely.



4 Wash your hands. If required, follow the procedure for putting on a new mask.

Note: Graphics adapted from BC Centre for Disease Control (BC Ministry of Health), "How to wear a face mask."