



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community



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Dear Parkland Students, Parents and Guardians:

The staff have updated our Health and Safety Protocols, there is a plan for the potential of school closures if our school community is hit hard by COVID. We have added several new health and safety procedures and protocols to increase our safety level.

One thing that is important to us and our students' learning at this time is to continue with our current semester system and timetable. We are fortunate at Parkland to be a smaller school. We have more space in our hallways and far fewer exposures to other people than other larger secondary schools. This gives us more room to pass in the hallways and places for our students to eat lunch. In order for this to be successful, it requires all students, staff, and visitors to follow these expectations at all times.

Reinforced Health and Safety Routines

Here are the protocols we plan to continue with and reinforce:

- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing.
- Give people 6 feet space when possible.
- Requiring masks to be worn at school unless eating, drinking or outside.
- Staying in one spot while eating or drinking.
- Not sharing food or drinks.
- Keeping many of our classrooms open for students to eat lunch in or take their breaks in.
- Students and staff are asked to do a self-diagnostic daily health check and stay at home if they are not feeling well.

New Health and Safety Routines

Here are our new expectations and routines:

- Staying to the right while walking in the hallways. (Indicated with floor markings)
- Entering and exiting the school from the nearest doorway to your class.
- Staggering the release of our classes at the bell to allow for less clustering in the hallways.
- Spacing out our Cafeteria line for social distancing. This is our busiest location at lunch.
- Exiting out of exterior doors in our classrooms when available.

We understand that the COVID pandemic has been extremely stressful for families and that there is significant apprehension regarding students being at school. Please use the [BC Thrive Health App](#) as a self assessment tool. If your student is going to be away, please either call the absence line - 250-655-2713 or email parklandattendance@saanichschools.ca to let us know if the absence is an illness or parent excused. We are committed to working alongside families and students to make the end of the semester successful for students.

Sincerely,

Kal Russell
Principal

Jason Earnshaw
Vice-Principal