



# Summary of Changes: Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings



The following outlines the key changes in the March 2022 update to the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings. **This update is effective the first day of a school's spring break.** For exact wording, please see the [full document](#).

Prevention Measure	October 2021	March 2022 – First Day of Spring Break
Space Arrangement	Schools to create space between people.	Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, though should still consider strategies to create space between people.
School Gatherings and Events	<p>Intra-school events do not have a capacity limit.</p> <p>Inter-school events or those with visitors (e.g., parent spectators) should not exceed 50% capacity and proof of vaccination should not be implemented.</p> <p><i>Guidance provided to sector via DM Bulletin October 2021</i></p>	<p>Intra-school events (events with just students, staff and necessary volunteers) do not have a capacity limit.</p> <p>Inter-school events or those with visitors (e.g., parent spectators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not exceed 50% capacity and proof of vaccination should not be implemented while the PHO Gatherings &amp; Events Order is in place.</li> <li>• Can return to 100% capacity when the PHO Gatherings &amp; Events Order is lifted (expected end of day April 7, 2022).</li> </ul> <p>Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate.</p>
Visitor Access/Community Use	<p>Schools must have a sign in/sign out process for anyone not typically onsite.</p> <p>Schools should keep a list of the date, names and contact information for those not typically onsite over the past 45 days.</p> <p>Where possible, visitor access should be limited to those areas required for the purpose of the visit.</p>	<p>Schools can return to routine sign in/sign out practices. Schools do not need to keep a list of the date, names and contact information of visitors for communicable disease prevention purposes.</p> <p>Schools can return to routine pick up/drop off practices.</p>
Illness & Self-Assessment Policies and Protocols	Reflect public health practices of Fall 2021.	Updated to align with current public health recommendations and practices for testing and self-isolation periods.
Personal Protective Equipment	All students, staff and visitors are required to wear a mask indoors at schools.	The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for staff, students and visitors. A person's choice is to be supported and respected.
Field Trips	Proof of vaccination not referenced.	Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate, particularly students. If this is not possible (and the field trip/travel cannot occur otherwise), schools can require participants to confirm they are able to meet additional requirements (e.g., are able to provide proof of vaccination).