

FAQ

COVID 19 Updates:

If you are looking for the most up to date information regarding COVID 19 in British Columbia check the BC Centre For Disease Control Website:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Information from Dr. Trevor Corneil Vice President Population Health at UBC and Chief Medical Health Officer for the Interior Health authority of BC:

COVID 19 is spread person to person, by droplets, when you cough or sneeze. The virus lives in spittle. If you are close enough to breathe it in or have it land on your face, you will contract the virus and become infected yourself.

COVID 19 acts more like influenza than other coronaviruses. It is different in that you need to have symptoms to transmit the virus. There doesn't seem to be a lot of asymptomatic transmission. There may be some transmission with slight symptoms.

The elderly most likely to be infected and impacted. It is likely we will see anywhere from 15 to 30% of our elderly become infected, and about 1/3 will require hospitalization. Adults aged 20 to 70 are the ones spreading and carrying the virus, for most of us it will be the equivalent of a bad cold or bad flu-like illness. Small numbers in the adult population will take a turn for the worse with symptoms that require hospitalization. Children have a different relationship with viruses, for example chicken pox and influenza have a lesser impact, though children can spread them around. In children, 1 to 5% of children will be affected by this virus. World health authorities are not seeing severe disease with children, and those infected come out the other side just fine. The current population approaches are aimed at protecting the older adult group and our healthcare workers who take care of the elderly, as well as flattening the curve to reduce the rate of infection.

EI for TTOCs and Financial Supports

TTOCs, in order to apply for EI, you need a record of employment from payroll. Email tocpay@sd68.bc.ca and request. We have asked for them all to be sent to EI on your behalf, but it might be quicker to personally request.

Other Financial Supports Available for Families:

The government of Canada has provided a link to information regarding additional financial support for individuals and families available during COVID 19. The link for this information is located below:

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan/covid19-individuals.html?fbclid=IwAR3R0dEAXmE0mGJ6Q5hxPZY3wtaujArtvXLoOrS78aqun-Pb-CwE9z-xDFI#emergency_care_benefit

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING/ INTEGRATED PLAN

The most important piece of information that you need to remember as a teacher is that you have **autonomy** in your practice. You have the right to make professional decisions about your teaching. If you feel your autonomy is being violated, please email or call the NDTA office and we will address any issues you are facing!

INFORMATION FROM NLPS:

Supporting the safety and health of students, families and staff is a top priority during a pandemic event. NLPS' primary focus is the social emotional well-being of its staff, students, and community. Teachers can help foster the mental wellness of their students and families through connecting and 'checking in' to let them know they are valued, they are still part of your community, and we're all in this together!

In NLPS, it's our collective responsibility to continue be inclusive with our planning and teaching to meet the diverse needs of our learners. Teaching should continue to be differentiated based on the learners' needs and universally designed to provide multiple access points and to be cross-curricular when possible.

For Students in 10-12:

For elective courses where an "incomplete" grade would result in the student not graduating, teachers will need to provide innovative and creative opportunities for assessment to ensure suitable credit is awarded. Teachers and counselors will need to work together to identify vulnerable learners.