

**Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria
(CISDV)
Communicable Disease Prevention Plan
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INTRODUCTION

WorkSafeBC Communicable Disease Prevention

Schools must follow [WorkSafeBC communicable disease prevention guidance](#) and must provide communication, training, and orientation to ensure the health and safety of their workers. WorkSafeBC communicable disease prevention guidance is aligned with the guidance provided by BCCDC. Please see their website for specific requirements and additional information.

3. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLANS

Emergency and Evacuation Drills

Emergency and evacuation planning, and drills should consider the CISDV Communicable Disease Prevention Plan. In the event of an actual emergency, communicable disease prevention measures can be suspended to ensure for a timely, efficient, and safe response.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Regular cleaning and disinfection can help prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces should occur in line with regular practices and when visibly dirty.

Products & Procedures for Cleaning and Disinfecting

For cleaning, use water and detergent (e.g., liquid dishwashing soap), or common, commercially available products, along with good cleaning practices. For hard-to-reach areas, use a brush and rinse thoroughly prior to disinfecting.

For disinfection, use common, commercially available disinfectants listed on Health Canada's hard-surface disinfectants for use against coronavirus (COVID-19).

Follow these procedures when cleaning and disinfecting:

- Always wash hands before and after handling shared objects.
- Items and surfaces that a person has placed in their mouths or that have been in contact with bodily fluids should be cleaned as soon as possible and between uses by different people.
- A dishwasher can be used to clean and sanitize dishwasher-safe items if the sanitize setting is used with adequately hot water.

General Cleaning and Frequently Touched Surfaces

General cleaning should include cleaning of the premises.

Cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces should occur at least once in a 24-hour period and when visibly dirty.

Frequently touched surfaces are items touched by larger numbers of students and staff. They can include doorknobs, light switches, hand railings, water fountains and toilet handles, as well as shared equipment (e.g., computer keyboards, PE/sports and music equipment), appliances (e.g., microwaves) and service counter

International Travel Requirements Following Return to Canada

Staff, students, and families are responsible for understanding and adhering to all COVID-19 international travel requirements outlined by the Government of Canada, including those required following return to Canada. Full details on requirement for travelers are available on the [Travel to Canada: Requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travellers](#).

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