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### **Public Health Measures**

- Squamish Montessori follows the guidelines and recommendations of public health authorities, including the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control and the Ministry of Health.
- The school has a designated public health officer who is responsible for monitoring and implementing public health measures.
- The school has a protocol for reporting and managing communicable diseases, including notifying public health authorities and following their guidance.

### **Environmental Measures**

- Squamish Montessori has implemented measures to improve indoor air quality, including increasing ventilation rates and using air purifiers in classrooms and common areas.
- The school has also implemented measures to reduce the risk of transmission through surfaces, such as increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces.

### **Cleaning and Disinfecting Measures**

- Squamish Montessori has increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs, light switches, and shared equipment.
- The school uses approved disinfectants and follows recommended protocols for disinfecting surfaces.
- The school has implemented a protocol for cleaning and disinfecting classrooms and common areas in the event of a confirmed case of a communicable disease.



## **Ventilation Measures**

- Squamish Montessori has increased ventilation rates in classrooms and common areas to improve indoor air quality and reduce the risk of transmission.
- The school has also installed air purifiers in classrooms and common areas to further improve indoor air quality.

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## **Administrative Measures**

- Squamish Montessori has implemented administrative measures to reduce the risk of transmission, such as staggering arrival and departure times and limiting the number of visitors to the school.
- The school has also implemented measures to ensure physical distancing, such as rearranging classrooms and common areas to allow for more space between students and staff.

## **Hygiene Measures**

- Squamish Montessori emphasizes the importance of hygiene practices, such as handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.
- The school has implemented measures to promote good hygiene practices, such as providing hand sanitizer stations throughout the school and ensuring that students and staff have access to handwashing facilities.

## **Illness Practices**

- Squamish Montessori has implemented protocols for managing illness, including requiring students and staff to stay home if they are sick.
- The school has also implemented measures to ensure that students and staff can safely isolate if they become ill while at school.

## **Personal Measures**

- Squamish Montessori encourages students and staff to take personal measures to reduce the risk of transmission, such as wearing masks and practicing physical distancing outside of school.



## Trauma-Informed Practices

- Squamish Montessori recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging and stressful time for many students and staff.
- The school has implemented trauma-informed practices to support the mental health and well-being of students and staff, such as providing access to mental health resources and promoting self-care.

## School Closures

- Squamish Montessori has a protocol for school closures in the event of a confirmed case of a communicable disease.
- The school will work closely with public health authorities to determine the appropriate course of action in the event of a confirmed case.

## Monitoring

- Squamish Montessori regularly monitors and reviews its preventive measures and policies to ensure they remain effective.
- The school will continue to follow the guidance of public health authorities and adjust its measures and policies as needed.

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## Resources:

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/covid/daily-health-check-english.pdf>
- <https://covidcheck.gov.bc.ca/>
- <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/when-to-get-a-covid-19-test>
- <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>
- <https://immunizebc.ca/children/vaccines/vaccines-by-age>
- <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/covid-19/vaccination-and-the-workplace>