



# SCHOOL SAFETY

COVID-19

Stage 2

September 2020



Welcome Back!





COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH

PREVENTION

STAYING SAFE

STAGE 2  
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Coronavirus

SARs-CoV-2 virus causes COVID-19 illness

COVID-19

## TRANSMISSION ROUTES



Liquid droplets

- Spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs/sneezes

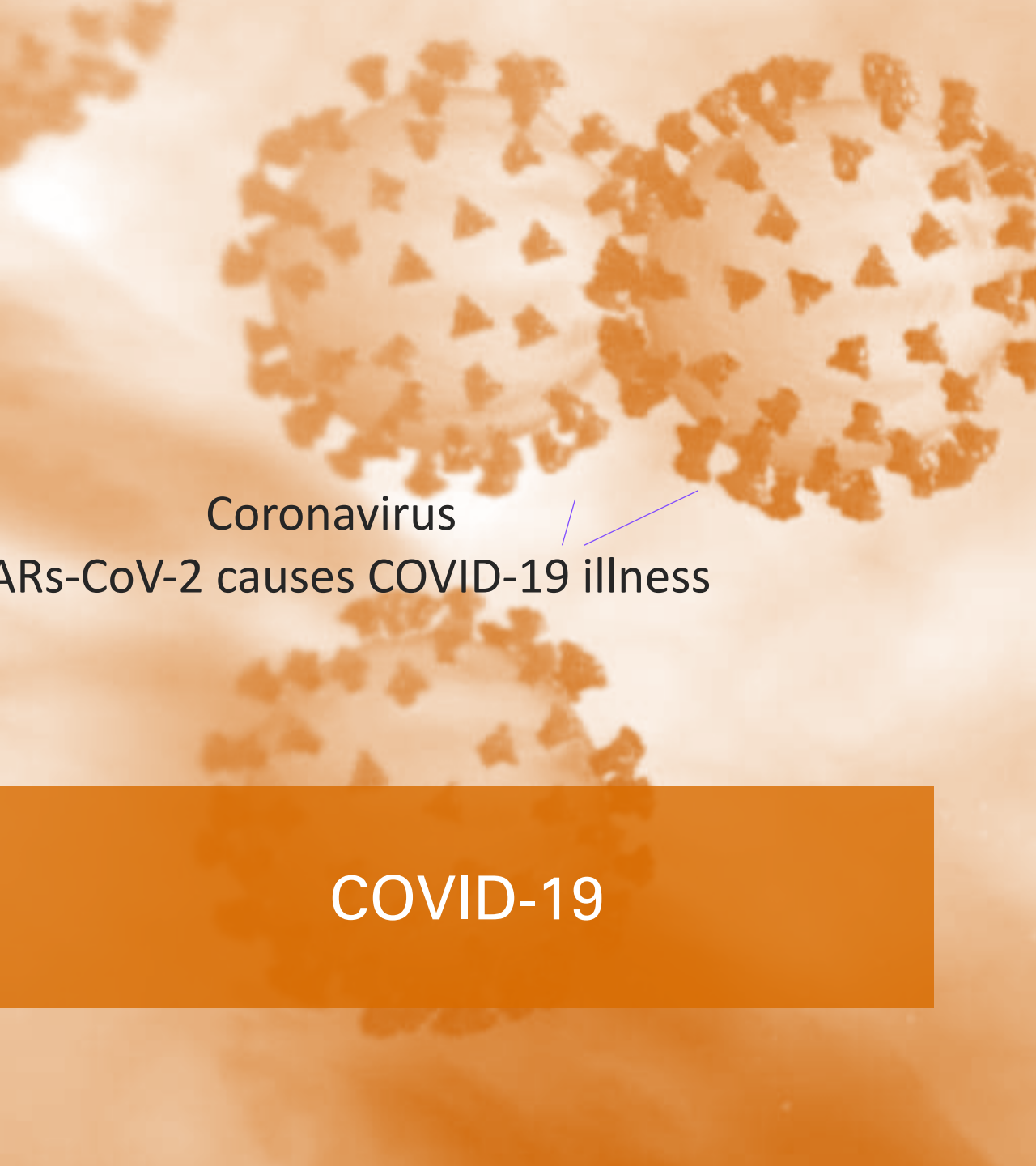


Enters via eyes, nose or throat, when :

- #1 In close contact with someone who has COVID

- #2 Touch a contaminated surface then your face





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## SIGNS and SYMPTOMS

The most common...

- Fever or Chills
- Cough or Sneezing
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Less common: Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Challenge: mild & mimic cold/flu

Solution: *Get tested!*



## PREVENTION MEASURES

### Environmental Prevention Methods



#### Create Space

- Separating desks
- Making space/removal
- Decluttering



#### Learn & Play Outdoors

- More!



#### ↑ Outside Air

- Open windows
- Declutter/uncover vents
- ↓ Recirculation
- ↑ outside air/air exchanges
- Earlier HVAC start times



## Environmental Prevention Methods



### Visual Cues

- Physical Distancing/  
Minimize Physical Contact
- Posters/signs/floor markings

We all need to follow the  
rules and keep to the right in  
hallways

PREVENTION MEASURES

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### Administrative

#### Maximize Physical Distance

- Whenever possible
- 2 metres
- When interacting outside of a Cohort
- In high-density areas  
(hallways in schools, buses)

#### Minimize Physical Contact

- ↓ physical touch/contact
- Replace handshakes and hugs  
with smiles & waves



## PREVENTION MEASURES

### Administrative

#### Learning Groups = Cohorts

##### Limit the # of People Together

- Creates consistent contacts
- ↓ total # of contacts
- ↓ transmission opportunity
- ↑ ease of contact tracing

## Administrative Prevention Methods



### Clean & Disinfect

- More frequently
- As per PHO/BCCDC
- Custodial staff do MOST of it
- Classroom staff clean
  - Shared toys, equipment
- Secondary students (some cases)
  - Musical instruments/PE equip
  - Shared keyboards
  - Other shared equipment

PREVENTION MEASURES



# Personal Prevention Methods

## HOW TO HANDWASH



Wet hands with warm water.



Apply soap.



Lather soap and rub hands palm to palm.



Rub in between and around fingers.

Lather hands for a total of 30 seconds



Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand.



Rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm.



Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand.



Rinse thoroughly under running water.



Pat hands dry with paper towel.



Turn off water using paper towel.



Your hands are now safe.



## Hand Hygiene



## Hand Washing

- Upon arrival at school/work
- Frequently
- Properly
- At least 20seconds

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## Hand Hygiene



## Hand sanitizer

-Same Process

- Without H<sub>2</sub>O & paper towel

-Locations:

- Entrance
- Main Office
- Classrooms with **NO** sink

# PREVENTION MEASURES



## Personal Prevention Methods



### Respiratory Etiquette

-Sneeze/cough into  
elbow/tissue



**Avoid touching your  
face!**



PREVENTION MEASURES



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### Personal Prevention Methods

#### Daily Health Assessment

Every day, mandatory.

- Cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms (*even minor!*)
- Contact with a VCH confirmed case
- International Travel

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If "Yes"

Stay Home + self-isolate.

Plus if you have symptoms: even minor

***Get Tested!!***



## PPE

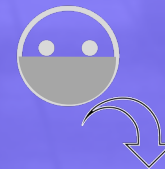
## PREVENTION MEASURES



**Reusable Non-Medical Masks / Face Coverings**



**Face Shields**



**Disposable Non-medical Masks**

# Face Masks



## District Provided Reusable Cloth

All VSB staff 2 ea.  
Secondary students 2 ea.  
Elementary students 2ea.

**Write your initials on the  
front corner of your masks**



## Personal Reusable Cloth



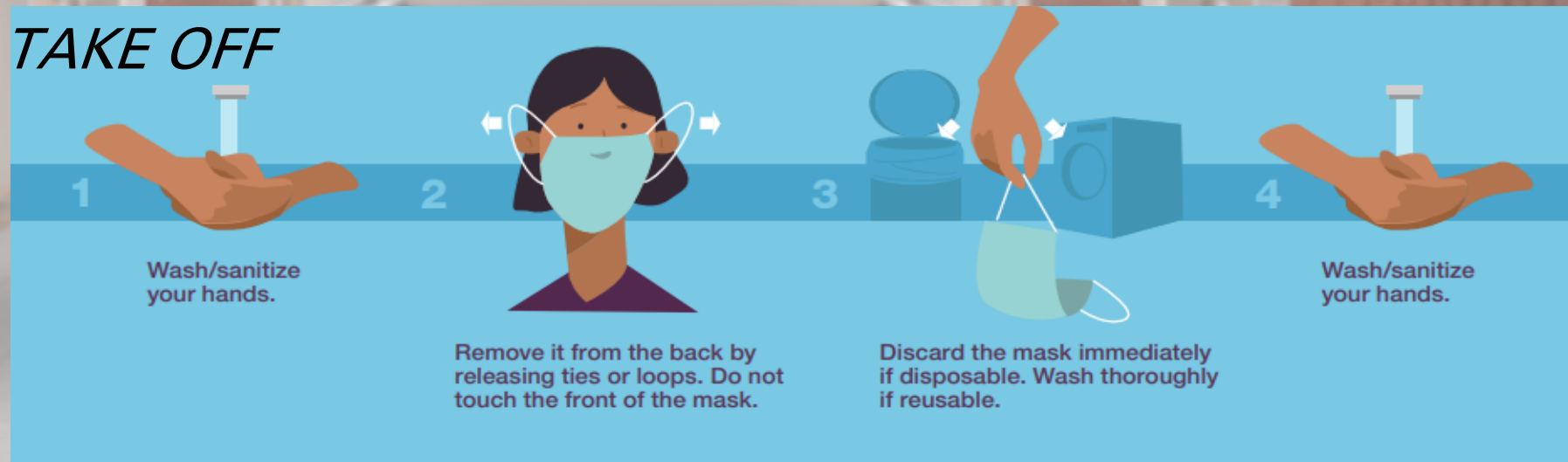
## Single Use Disposable Paper



## PUT ON



## TAKE OFF



# *How Not to Wear a Face Mask*





## PREVENTION MEASURES

### Masks



**Everyone deserves respect whether they are wearing a mask OR they choose NOT to wear one.**

- **Face masks “required” for adults and students Gr 6-12 when interacting outside cohorts and not physically distancing or in halls/buses.**



## STAYING SAFE

### More Safety...

#### Food

- Cafeterias are not serving food at this time
- Bring lunch/snacks/beverages
- All students must individually label their water bottles, utensils, containers

#### Playgrounds

- Open

#### Music/Singing

- Physical distancing (2m) required
- Plus other measures





Often



For 20 seconds



With soap and water OR  
hand sanitizer

YOUR HANDS



Get plenty of rest

Eat well

Exercise

Connect with others

Be flexible and kind.

YOUR HEALTH





The background is a soft-focus photograph of a library interior. On the left, wooden bookshelves are filled with books. The right side of the image is dominated by warm, out-of-focus light sources, creating a bokeh effect with circular highlights in shades of yellow, orange, and blue. The overall atmosphere is calm and intellectual.

**Q&A**