

Superintendent's COVID 19 Update

Board Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021

COVID SAFETY MEASURES



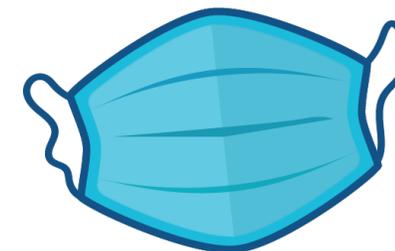
Daily health checks



Spreading out within available space



Enhanced cleaning



Mask wearing

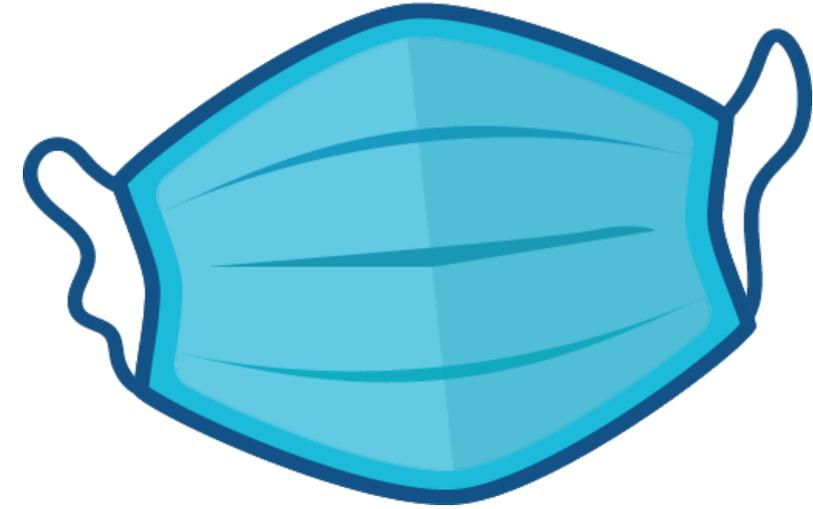
The District is using a trauma-informed lens to determine when certain activities, such as overnight trips or larger events, will be permitted.

COVID-19 Specific Supplies	Overall Distribution	Distribution School Start-up – Sept 24 th
Hand Sanitizer	~25,000L	~3,613L
Hand Sanitizing Stations	~600	~51
Face Masks		
3-Ply Disposable (adult)	~90,000	~9,200
3-Ply Disposable (child)	~110,000	~14,600
3-ply Cloth Reusable (adult)	~90,000	~32,357
3-Ply Cloth Reusable (child)	~84,000	~29,464
Face Shields	~6,000	~10

COVID SUPPLIES

- **COVID-19 specific supplies deliver to schools and worksites**
- **Enough stock for 2021-2022 school year**

MASKS

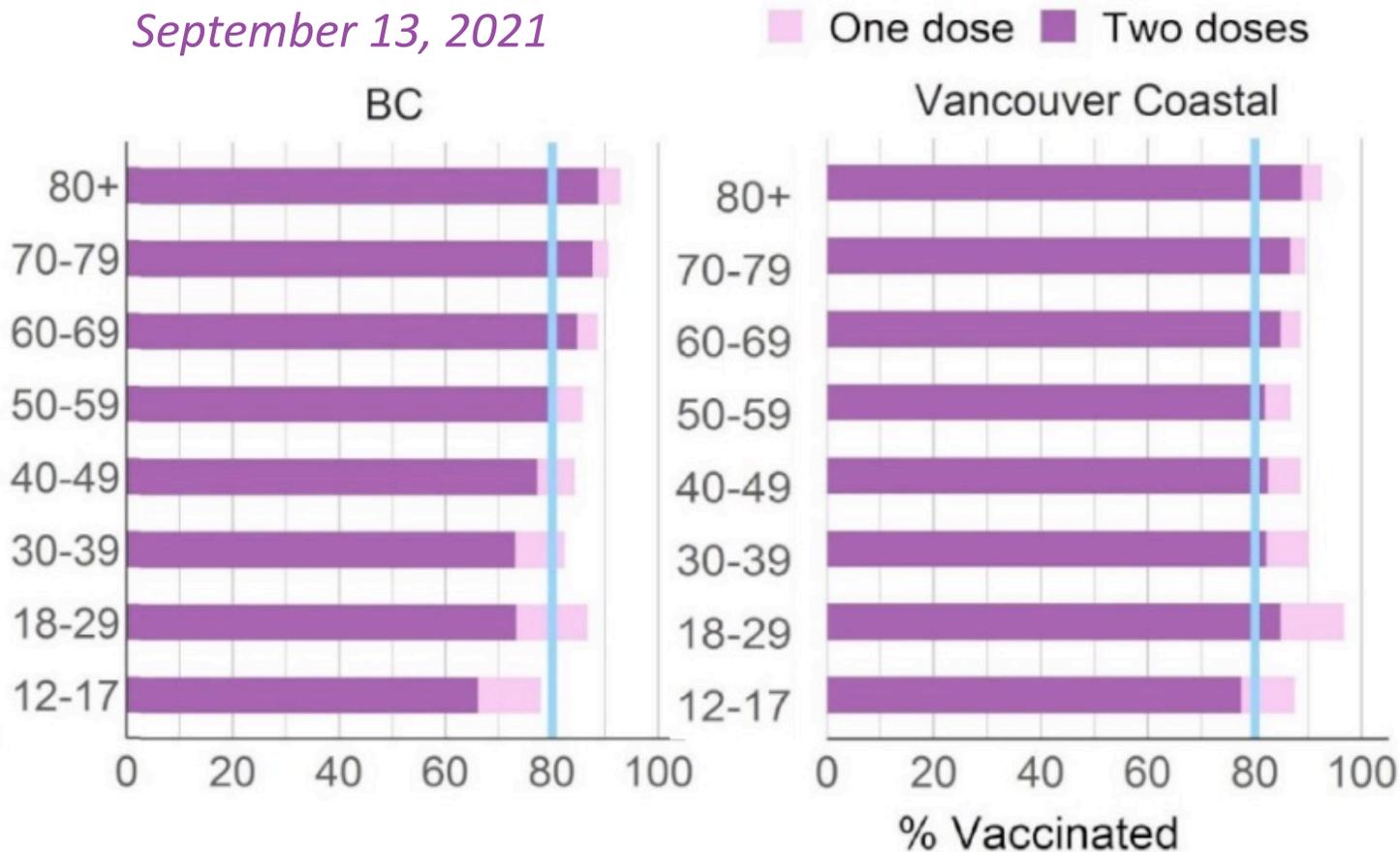


- **High mask compliance in elementary and secondary schools**
 - Some as a result of habits formed last year
- **Teachers' encouragement increases mask wearing**
- **Anecdotal observation: correlation between student mask wearing and family/community mask wearing attitudes**
- **Challenges with mask fatigue and mask exemptions**

VENTILATION

- Spent nearly \$1 million in updating ventilation equipment across the District thanks to COVID-19 government relief funds
- Refurbished hundreds of pieces of ventilation equipment
- Installed 7000+ MERV-13 filters
- Increased ventilation operating hours
- Increased the amount of outdoor air supplied inside
- Increased occupant control of windows



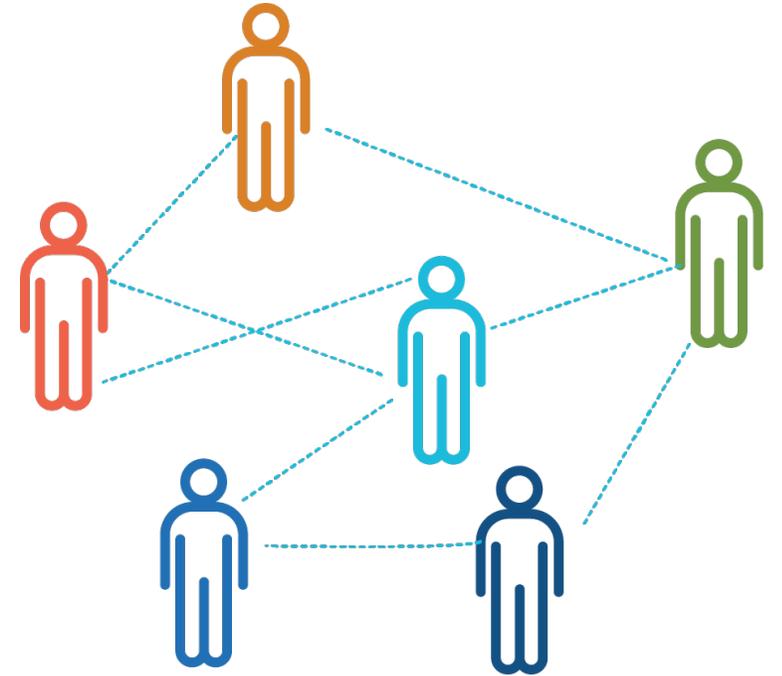


VACCINATIONS

- School age students in VCH have higher than BC average vaccination rate
- Vaccinated 18 to 29-year-olds are over 95%
- A few VCH clinics serving VSB neighbourhoods have taken place in September
- Educational events do not require vaccination cards

CONTACT TRACING & NOTIFICATIONS

- Contact tracing continues in VCH, unchanged from last year. VCH will continue to take the lead and contact those with COVID.
- Currently, schools will be notified of any cases/events (such as cluster or outbreak) where a public health action is needed by an entire class or the school community (example: self-isolation of a class or school closure).
- Changes announced September 21 by Dr. Henry.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- **Counsellors continue to support and respond to the mental health needs of students**
- **Mental health and sensory tool kits for elementary students**
- **Professional development opportunities for staff to learn about mental health literacy and mental wellness**
- **Various programs that help teachers and students with strategies to manage anxiety**

QUESTIONS?



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