



# Wowk News

Jessie Wowk Elementary / School District #38  
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The Week Ahead: May 2 - 6, 2022

Monday 2	
Tuesday 3	Lockdown Drill - 10:00 am
Wednesday 4	Pizza Day
Thursday 5	PAC Hot Lunch
Friday 6	Grade 6 and 7 Bike Field Trip to Steveston



## Track and Field Notice

Please look in you child’s planner for an important Track and Field notice and waiver form that we kindly ask to be returned to the school by Monday, May 9th. Please read all of the information carefully and connect with us at the school if you have any questions.

## Continuing Education Summer 2022

Please see the Continuing Summer Education Catalogue that is attached along with this newsletter for important information regarding:

1. Summer Learning Programs for Grades 1 to 12, credit and non - credit
2. Programs for Elementary Enrichment, Exploration, Fine Arts and Innovation
3. Secondary Academic Completion, Enrichment and Full Credit

## The Jessie Wowk Garden Club Seed Sale

The Wowk Garden Club is excited to announce a plant and seed sale next Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:45 pm in front of the school. We will have some calendula seeds, some herbs and some rhubarb that we harvested from our garden. Quantities are limited. The sale will be by donation as we look to purchase some trees for our school garden area. If you would prefer to make a donation to the tree purchase, you may do so at the sale or at the office.

## **Class Placement Parent Input**

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meet to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements. In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning styles and strengths</li><li>• ELL Levels</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work habits</li><li>• Contractual Language</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special needs</li><li>• Age</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friendship needs and considerations</li></ul>
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If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to communicate your thoughts through a letter and email it to the school office by Monday, May 16th.

In your letter, please:

- Include important information about your child, both socially and academically, that you feel is important for us to be aware of that will help us in our decision in the placement of your child
- Include your thoughts around what kind of learning environment helps your child achieve success in their learning.
- Do not include comments about / requests fro specific teachers or division number

Letters may be emailed directly to Mr. Daum at [cdaum@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cdaum@sd38.bc.ca) or a hard copy may be brought directly to the office. *Please note that with limited placement possibilities, input and information can be considered but never guaranteed.*

## **Immunization Forms**

We do ask that if families of students in Grades K, 1, 6 and 7 who received an immunization form to please return them to the school if you have not done so already in preparation for our Immunization Clinic on May 24th.

## **Sports Day - Date Change**

Please note that our Sports Day date has been changed to June 10th to accommodate having Elevate Ultimate deliver an ultimate frisbee program to our students to our students from May 30 - June 3.

## **Lockdown Drill - Tuesday, May 3rd.**

Please see the following page for information for our upcoming Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, May 3rd.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're writing to let you know about a safety procedure that we have at the school called a lockdown drill.

Jessie Wowk Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, is committed to promoting Safe Schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

Just as we practice safe procedures in case of earthquake or fire, we will now prepare for other situations that might happen in our school neighbourhood (such as a broken gas line) or within our school (such as an intruder). These situations would lead us to follow "**Hold and Secure**" procedures – a **perimeter** lockdown.

For an intruder or a any other danger inside the school, we would follow **Lockdown Procedures**. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all metro school districts.

We will have "***lockdown***" ***drill on Tuesday, May 3<sup>d</sup> at 10:00 am*** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. Most staff members have practiced the drill before in previous years and classroom teachers have discussed the steps involved in a school lockdown with their students. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

If you have any questions about the lockdown drill, please call the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Daum  
Principal

## **Important Dates Coming Up**

May 3 - Lockdown Drill

May 10 - Class Photo Day

May 17 - Track Meet at Minoru Field

May 19 - Welcome to Kindergarten Event

May 20 - Professional Development Day

May 23 - Victoria Day Holiday

May 24 - Vaccine Clinic - Grades K, 1, 6, and 7

June 10 - Sports Day

June 24 - Grade 7 Farewell Assembly

June 28 - Reports Home

June 29 - Farewell Assembly

# Daily Health Check & What to Do When Sick

## Daily Health Check

Everyone going into a school or site must complete a daily health check, including staff, students, and visitors. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of illness (including COVID-19) include:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Body aches
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in schools and worksites.**

**You can attend school/work if:**

- Your symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies), OR
- You have existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities, AND
- You are not required to self-isolate, or your self-isolation period is over (based on a positive COVID-19 test result, if taken).

## What to Do When Sick

**If you have mild symptoms of COVID-19**, you usually don't need a test. Mild symptoms are symptoms that can be managed at home. Most people don't need testing for COVID-19.

Stay home and away from others (as much as possible) until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities and you no longer have a fever. You should also avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long term care facilities and gatherings, for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you have a Rapid Antigen Test at home, use it when you have symptoms. How long you should stay home depends on your test result. Find out more about [Rapid Antigen Test results](#).

**If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19**, you do not need a test.

**If you are unsure about your symptoms**, you can use the [Self-Assessment Tool](#), contact your health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Testing may be recommended for some people who may be more likely to get severe disease. See BCCDC for information on [who testing is recommended for](#).

## What to Do if Someone in Your Household is Sick

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19.

Try to stay apart from the person in your household who is sick as much as possible.

Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you develop symptoms of illness or feel unwell.

## If You Test Positive for COVID-19

Your age and vaccination status determine how long you should self-isolate for if you test positive for COVID-19.

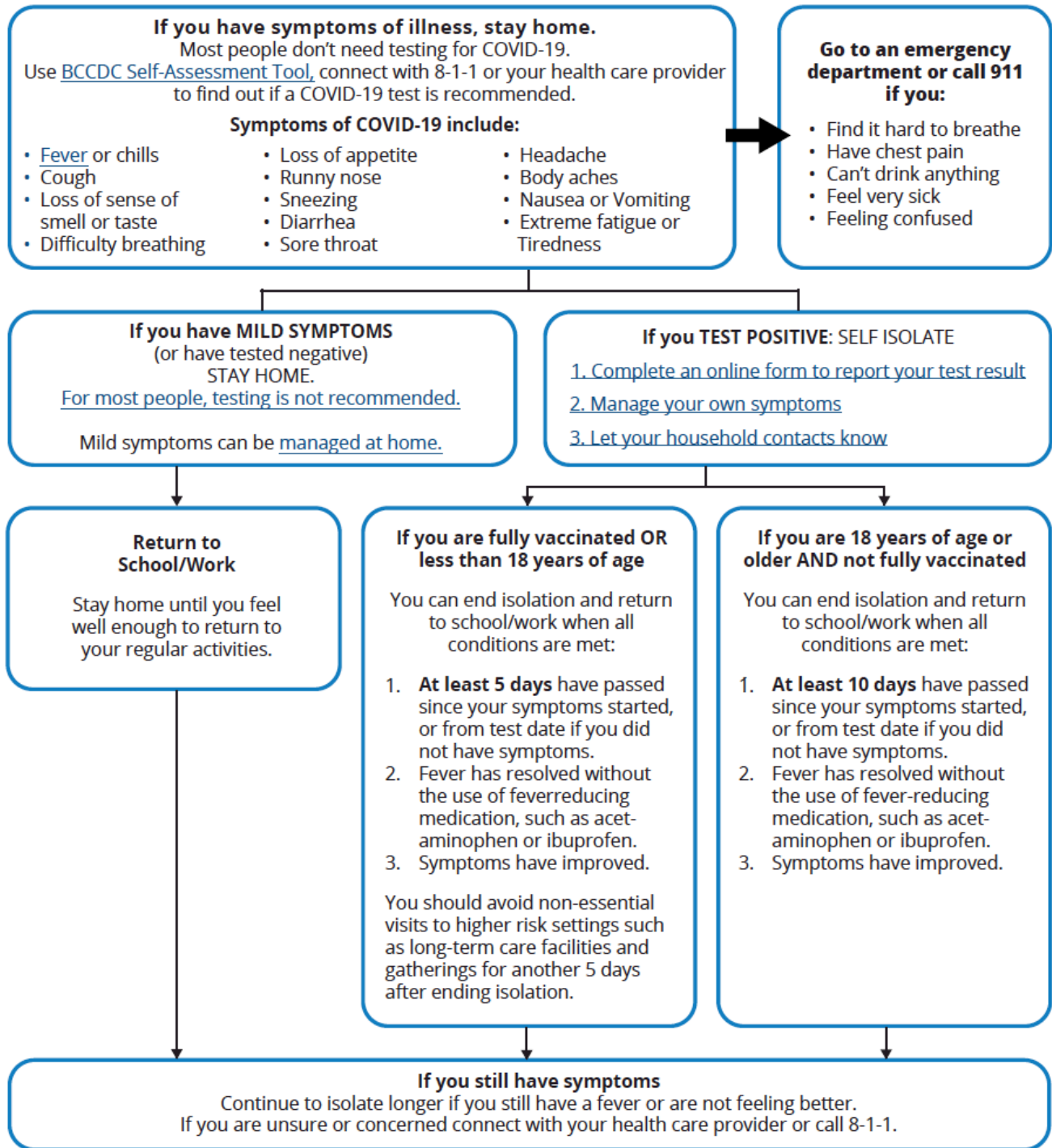
Age	Vaccination Status	Guidance
Under 18 years of age	Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever. Avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings like long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.
18 years of age or older	Fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever. Avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings like long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.
	NOT fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 10 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever.

Close contacts, who are usually others in your household, do not need to self-isolate (regardless of vaccination status), but should closely self-monitor for symptoms. BCCDC has more information for [close contacts](#).

**If you find it hard to breathe, have chest pain, can't drink anything, feel very sick, and/or feel confused, contact your health care provider right away or go to your local emergency department or call 9-1-1.**

This information is adapted from the BC Centre for Disease Control.  
For more information, visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

# Summary: What to Do When Sick



**What to do if someone is sick in your household:**

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)





