

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS AND ARTS

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN

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Rationale for Program Restart

The ASSAI program provides access to art and sports programming for rural and vulnerable students that may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in after school activities. With the current reduction of available extra curricular programs and increased financial stresses, continuing with ASSAI is imperative.

We have carefully assessed the risks and benefits of in-person delivery and have chosen to proceed with a modified ASSAI program that implements safety practices from The BC Ministry of Education, School District 8, WE Graham Community Services, The BC Ministry of Health, the BCCDC and WorksafeBC.

We will continue to monitor the Covid19 situation and adapt as necessary while prioritizing the safety of our participants, staff, and community.

Assessed Risk of ASSAI Environment

WEGCSS staff, ASSAI staff and WE Graham Community School staff have liaised and assessed risks prior to program implementation. They will continue to collaborate on protocol as the ASSAI year progresses and keep an eye on all relevant recommendations handed down from the BCCDC, SD8, and our funding bodies.

Physical Distancing

We will be keeping students within their school day learning cohorts. This means that students will be able to participate in the ASSAI program safely, and will have the opportunity to enjoy the program with or without a facial covering, as directed by the BC Ministry of Education under phase 2 of the Covid-19 restart plan.

We will not be welcoming students from other Slocan Valley schools at this time. This is inline with the Ministry's phase 2 guideline, which states that no inter-school activities are to take place at this time.

All supplies and equipment will be cleaned prior to use using enhanced sanitization procedures. Participants will not share supplies.

Programming will take advantage of outdoor art and recreation opportunities wherever possible to encourage physical distancing.

Pick up procedure

We ask that parents arrive promptly to collect their children and maintain physical distancing while waiting.

Participants will be exiting via the gym doors into the south parking lot (between the school at the WEGCSS Office). Please avoid entering the gymnasium or school at this time.

Hand washing

Participants will wash their hands prior to entering the gym / art room from their respective class rooms, before and after consuming food, and when switching between rooms/ activities.

Participants will also be asked to wash their hands after touching their mouths, nose, and faces, or using the toilet.

We will have hand sanitizer and hand washing stations available within each activity space to minimize movement through common spaces.

Staff will wash their hands upon entering the school, before and after food handling, after touching their faces/mouths, after using the toilet, and when switching between activities/ learning cohorts.

Facility cleaning and disinfecting

Extra resources have been allocated to ensure that all high touch surfaces (for example door handles, light switches, countertops, tables, chairs) will be routinely sanitized before and during the ASSAI program.

We will be following the BCCDC's recommendations for enhanced cleaning and disinfecting during the pandemic, and are working closely with SD8's custodial staff to ensure that the building is clean and ready for our programming.

All equipment used will be adequately sanitized prior to use and between uses where appropriate. We have secured extra funding to increase our supplies and minimize the sharing of equipment and supplies.

Food handling and food preparation

Our healthy after school snack will be served in individual portions this year. Participants will wash their hands before and after consuming their snacks, and will be asked to refrain from sharing food.

Students will sit in their learning cohorts for snack time.

Food will be prepared according to food safe protocol and will be prepared by staff.

We ask that participants bring their own water container.

Sickness policy

Participants will be utilizing the SD 8 daily health check that they are required to do before school each day. We ask that you keep your children home from ASSAI when they are exhibiting symptoms.

If a participant begins to feel sick or display signs of illness, they will be separated from the other participants and a parent or caregiver will be called to collect the participant immediately.

Use of PPE

ASSAI participants will be kept in their respective learning groups for the duration of the ASSAI program and will thus not be required to wear masks for programming. They may utilize them if it is their preference.

Staff and instructors will maintaining physical distance wherever possible and will be wearing masks while working with participants.

Relevant Links

SD 8 Pandemic Response Plan:

https://www.sd8.bc.ca/sites/default/files/SD8-Pandemic-Response-Plan-draft%20%20%28002%29_0.pdf

BC CDC Covid 19 Facts:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Work Safe BC Covid 19:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates>

BC Ministry of Education Covid 19 Back to School Plan:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

BC Ministry of Health Covid 19:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>