



# Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings

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## MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

All middle and secondary school students are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) in schools - both within and outside of their learning group – except when:

- sitting in (or standing at) their seat or desk/workstation in a classroom or learning space;
- there is a barrier in place;
- eating and drinking; and
- outdoors.

All middle and secondary school students are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) on school buses.

Exceptions will also be made for students who cannot tolerate masks (e.g. health or behavioural reasons). Schools must not require a health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) to confirm if a student cannot wear a mask.