

COVID-19 Safety Plan for Ski & Snowboard School Groups

Mt Seymour's Snow School has been working diligently to adapt our lessons programming and operational plans to meet or exceed the health and safety guidelines developed by government agencies and health professionals. We are following closely the policies and procedures noted by the Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

We have made the recommended changes to our school programming to follow the requirements set out in Stage 2 of B.C.'s 5-stage framework. Based on the guidance from the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control, schools are encouraged to participate in field trip activities during Stage 2.

Here is a brief overview of the changes:

- We have adjusted our bookings to accommodate a classroom size of up to 30 students and a Learning Group of up to 60 or 120 students
- Our ratios within these groups have been reduced to 1:6 as recommended by the Canadian Ski Areas Alliance and the Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors
- We will do our best to ensure there is no interaction between different Learning Groups
- We will stagger Arrival, Lesson, and Departure times to separate schools
- Physical distancing of 2m between the Ski & Snowboard Instructors and the students will be mandatory
- Physical distancing will be adhered to when riding the Lifts and in Lift line-ups
- There will be no Boot fittings by Rentals staff
- Instructor Pods will be created to keep the same staff working together with the same students
- Ski & Snowboard Instructors will wear face coverings (PPE)
- A student symptom survey will be completed prior to each Lesson
- Registration in school programs will be on-line by parents, including payments and waivers
- There will be reserved times for indoor spaces and reduced capacity within these spaces
- Students are strongly encouraged to bring only what is necessary with them in a backpack (extra layers, snack, water) and either leave this on the bus, or on tarps provided outside
- Indoor space for lunch breaks and food services will be limited
- We will have separate washrooms reserved for school groups to limit the use of the public washrooms on the mountain

Enhanced Facility Cleaning & Adjustments to Equipment Procedures

- Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected routinely throughout the day
- Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces
- Designated washrooms assigned to schools that are regularly cleaned and disinfected
- All ski and snowboard equipment will be sanitized before and after use
- Cleaning of equipment and facilities will be as per health guidelines utilizing approved sanitizing products

Mt Seymour Staff Health

- Daily temperature and symptom checks for all Ski & Snowboard Instructors
- If Resort staff or someone in their household have the symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19, including a cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, or fatigue, they must stay at home
- Hand sanitizer and PPE available to all staff
- Any staff feeling or displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home
- Mt Seymour is taking all the necessary steps to follow the recommended protocol for contact tracing
- Contact between staff members will be limited

Bus Transportation Recommendations

- Use assigned seating. There are many school bus templates that can be found for free on-line
- As recommended by the Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings, middle school aged and high school aged students are required to wear a non-medical grade face covering while on the bus if they are not within the same Learning Group, whereas it is not required for elementary school aged children
- Utilizing hand sanitizer before the students get on the bus
- Bus companies are required to adhere to the BCCDC and WorkSafe BC guidelines of disinfecting their busses before and after each run and for cleaning seats and handrails during stops on each run. Some bus companies have installed plastic barriers between the driver and the students, while others are required to wear non-medical grade face coverings

