

COVID-19 Safety Protocols Update September 1st, 2021

As per BC Restart Plan Step 3 by authorization of the Provincial Health Officer, iTTTi Vancouver has begun transitioning to a Communicable Disease Strategy. During the transition period, there will be a gradual easing of COVID 19 Safety Protocols. Therefore, the below information will be adjusted gradually until further updates of communicate . We are currently following the below protocols to safeguard our school community and reduce the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus. These protocols have been established in accordance with Worksafe BC and PHO (Provincial Health Order) guidelines:

- The province-wide mandatory mask requirements for indoor public areas: The order applies to students, faculty, staff and visitors in school common spaces including lobbies, hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, and the lounge.
- Everyone should sanitize hands and wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after check in, and each time returning to the campus (if going out at break time for example). Everyone must do a self health check before coming to campus.
- You will not be admitted if you are displaying certain symptoms of illness.
- If you feel unwell, it is best to just stay home rather than have us send you home, you will not be punished for this absence.
- While on campus, you should protect yourself and others through frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer and wiping down surfaces after use.
- We are transitioning away from the requirement for social distancing. What this means is, there is no rule that you must remain 6 feet apart, however, we encourage you to continue careful contact and be mindful that some staff and students are not comfortable yet with close proximity.
- There is an occupancy limit for students and staff when using the washroom. Two people at a time when inside the washroom. This rule is established by the building.
- We are transitioning away from a room capacity requirement. What this means is, there is a maximum capacity of 50 persons on campus and we will continue to have smaller than average class sizes.
- The kitchen area, the sink are currently not available, however a no touch hot and cold water cooler are available for use. You must take any organic waste (food scraps, food containers) home with you. Classroom garbage cans are available for tissue and paper only.
- The building also has a rule-when entering the building please make sure there are only 4 people in the lobby area near the elevators and 2 people when you enter the elevator. If there are problems being on time due to the elevator conditions you will not be punished.
- Anyone who has shown symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days must self-isolate at home; symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and new muscle aches or headache, and not come on campus until confirming with a medical practitioner that it is safe to do so.
- Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada, or who is a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, is to self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms unless they meet the new requirement for eligible fully vaccinated travelers.
- Our activities program will be limited at this time due to border restrictions and school capacity limit.
- The school will be closed right after classes for daily sanitization so students are required to go home at 3:30.

iTTTi Vancouver will do its part by regularly sanitizing high touch areas and tables. There will be multiple sanitization stations and there are hand sanitizers and tissues available in each classroom We all hope that these extra measures will be temporary, but now is the time to be vigilant and to learn some life skills for disease prevention such as:

The proper way to sneeze and cough: Turn your head to the side away from others and sneeze or cough into your elbow. Wash your hands after blowing your nose with tissue. (always with soap and minimum 20 seconds.) Don't touch your eyes, face or mouth.

Also, although we understand and appreciate that some cultures greet each other by hugging or kissing on the cheek, you must not do so at this time. Do not shake hands, high five, or hug classmates or instructors.