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All recommended safety measures are in place at Choice School, as follows:

Choice School COVID 19 Health and Safety Plan, February 2021	
Entrance and Exits	Staff and students are not crowded when they enter and leave the school. This includes spaces like hallways, cubby areas and gate entrance areas.
Common Spaces	Staff and students can move through common spaces: foyer, hallways and washrooms, without crowding or physical contact.
Physical Distancing within Learning Groups	Physical contact and close, face to face interactions are minimized. People are spread out as much as possible.
Physical Distancing Outside of Learning Groups	There is 2 meters of space available between people from different learning cohorts when they are together indoors.
Staff Only Spaces (eg. Staff rooms, copy rooms etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing is practised. Masks are not used in place of physical distancing. • Visual Cues (floor markings, posters etc.) are in place to promote physical distancing. • Masks are worn in accordance with the Health and Safety Guidelines.
Itinerant staff, temporary teachers on call, and other visitors	Process in place to ensure specialist staff, teachers-on-call and visitors are aware of the school's health and safety measures and their responsibility to follow them at all times.
Gatherings	Student gatherings (eg. events that bring staff and students together outside of regular learning activities) only occur within learning cohorts and as infrequently as possible.
Hand Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand cleaning facilities are available and accessible throughout the school and are well maintained. • Signage is in place to remind students and staff to practise regular hand hygiene and good cough etiquette.

Environmental Measures	
Learning Space Configuration	Learning spaces are arranged to maximize the space available and to minimize people directly facing one another (where possible)
Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting	General cleaning and disinfecting is done every 24 hours, with frequently-touched surfaces cleaned an additional time during the school day.
Ventilation and Air Exchange	The school's ventilation system is serviced and operating to specifications.

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Personal Measures	
Daily Health Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff complete an active Daily Health Check.• Parents and students are made aware of their responsibilities to complete a Daily Health Check.
Stay Home When Sick	Staff and students are reminded to stay home when they are sick

Personal Protective Equipment	
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All staff and visitors wear masks indoors at school except when:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sitting or standing• there is a barrier in place• eating or drinking• Students wear non-medical masks based on their family's choice.• Masks are available for those who have forgotten theirs.