



COVID Field Trip Protocols K - 12

According to the [Provincial Health and Safety Guidelines](#) (p. 28), field trips are permissible if they follow existing policies and additional COVID-19 guidelines. For PCS, these guidelines include:

Outdoor Excursions that do not include adults outside of the learning group

- Field trips to outdoor learning spaces that do not require or involve additional adults outside of learning groups will be approved. E.g. taking your class for a beach exploration or to Elk Lake for a forest walk.
- Parent volunteers are not permitted to drive students during stages 2 to 4.
- Parent volunteers are not permitted to meet the class at the field trip destination.

Other Field Trips

- Field trips to destinations that include adult interaction outside of the learning group (e.g. Nature talk at Goldstream Park with Nature House staff or a visit to the Royal BC Museum) requires additional planning.
- Field trip locations must provide supervisors with their COVID-19 operating plan. The plan must be shared with the school administration in the Field Trip application form and shared with parents in the permission form.
- Adults who are interacting with students at these field trip locations must physically distance from the whole learning group. If this is not possible due to the nature of the program, the adult is required to wear PPE. Field trips to destinations that do not adhere to these guidelines are not permitted.

Transportation

- Field trip transportation must be conducted with Keyano or the school's busses. No public transportation may be used at this time.
- Teachers should book the largest bus available that they are licensed to drive to allow students to have their own seat if possible.
- If an adult outside the learning group is driving the bus (e.g. Keyano), a large bus should be reserved so that students can sit one-to-a-seat.
- Students within the same learning group can share seats if necessary.
- Cross-learning group field trips are not permitted at this time.
- Middle and secondary students are required to wear non-medical masks when they are on the bus.
- Open windows if weather permits.
- Seating arrangement should be the same going to and returning from the destination.
- Onload the bus from back to front and unload from front to back.