

B.C. Government Expands Mask Mandate to Include K-Grade 3 Students

Today, the provincial government has expanded its provincial health and safety measures to mandate masks for all students in B.C.

Starting Monday, Oct. 4, all public and independent school students in B.C. will be required to wear a mask when inside school buildings, including while at their desks and on buses. This is an update to previous guidelines, which mandated masks for Grade 4-12 students only. The new mandate now also applies to kindergarten to Grade 3 students.

Masks are an effective layer of protection, in concert with other measures such as frequent hand washing, daily health checks and staying home when sick.

Here are some helpful links to use with your kindergarten to Grade 3 student about how to safely wear a mask.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsTSkUUK9v0>
- <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/how-to-wear-a-mask-in-school-kids-video>

For more information on provincial health and safety measures in schools, see the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings.](#)