

## Updated COVID Policies – September 2020

The safety and wellbeing of our families and staff continues to be of foremost importance in managing our schools at this time. With respect to the recent government announcement regarding symptoms in children, we advise that this announcement was made specifically for school age children. CEFA schools will continue to abide the requirements of our licensing health authority, who has directed us to adhere to guidelines set forth by the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control. Please determine attendance by reviewing the following:

1. No one in my child's household, including my child, has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

**Your child may attend school.**

2. My child has symptoms described in the CEFA Illness Policy (attached), influenza or COVID-19.

**Your child is required to stay home, until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, AND their symptoms have resolved.**

3. My child has been exposed to a confirmed case and is waiting to see if they develop COVID19 illness.

**Your child is required to stay home, to self-isolate and follow directions provided by their health care provider. Your child may return once the self-isolation period has concluded, if your child is symptom free.**

4. Someone in my home has been exposed to a confirmed case and is waiting to see if they develop COVID-19 illness.

**Your child may attend school, but the member of your home who has been exposed is required to stay home and self-isolate.**  
Children who are asymptomatic do not need to self-isolate unless advised by public health. **Should the household member be diagnosed with COVID-19, all household and close contacts will be contacted by public health and required to stay home and self-isolate.**

If there is exposure at the school, then all who have been exposed to the confirmed case will be required to stay home. Public Health will be notified to help determine the need to exclude children or staff, or to temporarily close the school, in the event a case of COVID-19 is identified at the school. We will then notify parents under the direction of Public Health. We thank you once again for your diligence in adhering to these policies.

