

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for BCAA School Safety Patrol

BC schools are re-opening and BCAA knows the importance of keeping everyone safe. The BCAA School Safety Patrol (SSP) program is prepared to continue its support of safety in school zones. BCAA has developed a set of COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for SSP to help keep everyone safe and minimize the risk of spread.

This document outlines the recommended measures based on information from [WorkSafeBC](#), the [BC Center for Disease Control](#), and the [Public Health Agency of BC](#). These guidelines can also be found on the BCAA [School Safety Patrol website](#).

BCAA encourages school administrators to read through these guidelines to determine if they align with specific plans set by your school and school district.

Students will be learning many new health and safety measures as they return to school, and BCAA wants to respect that. If your school decides to operate SSP during the 2020-21 school year, it is important that you ensure students are comfortable and familiar with the new measures set out by [BC's Back To School Plan](#) before moving forward with this program.

Email us at SchoolSafetyPatrol@bcaa.com if you have any questions or to let us know if you are enrolled and have decided to put the program on hold.

We wish you a safe and successful school year!

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Physical distancing	<p>Physical distancing of at least 2 metres should be maintained between patrollers and others while training and on duty.</p> <p>Consider supporting physical distancing by marking the ground with adhesive tape to indicate where patrollers should stand and students/pedestrians should wait.</p> <p>For training, limit the group size to a number that allows students to physically distance. Consider training outside when possible.</p>
Hand washing	<p>Hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after each shift. If soap and water is not available, hand sanitizer can be used.</p>
Masks	<p>Masks should be considered when physical distancing of at least 2 metres cannot be maintained.</p>
Don't attend if sick	<p>Patrollers should be reminded not to attend their shift if they feel sick.</p>
Use of whistles	<p>Electronic whistles will replace regular whistles and will be sent to schools that confirm their plan to operate the program for 2020-21. (Available in October 2020, one per school only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic whistles make a sound at a higher decibel than regular whistles – Team Leader should be reminded to direct the sound outward toward the crosswalk, away from ears • Use the setting that mimics the sound of a regular whistle at all times <p>Regular whistles can be provided to all Patrollers and only be used during an emergency situation if for any reason the Team Leader cannot sound the electronic whistle.</p>
Extra cones	<p>Given the distance needed between Patrollers while they are holding back pedestrians, consider placing one or two cones in the gap between them. When it's time to cross, the Patrollers can move the cones to the side as they lower their arms. This provides an additional signal to pedestrians that it's time to cross.</p>
Cleaning	<p>Equipment should be cleaned after each use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vests and arm bands should be wiped down with soap and water after use and hung to dry. Do not use disinfectant on vests and arm bands, the chemicals can harm and degrade the reflective material. Mild soap and water can be kept in a spray bottle for easier use. • Electronic whistles should be wiped down with a damp cloth containing soap and water after use, paying close attention to the button. DO NOT spray soap and water directly on the whistle. • Stop signs and traffic cones can be wiped cleaned with soap and water or a disinfectant cleaning product approved by Health Canada
Allow more time	<p>Allow extra time at the beginning and end of a shift to accommodate the needed safety measures.</p>
Additional equipment	<p>Additional equipment such as extra cones can be requested via the green Order button on the School Safety Patrol website to accommodate the above recommended safety measures.</p>