

“Eaton Arrowsmith” refers to Eaton Arrowsmith locations in Vancouver, Redmond and White Rock, Eaton Arrowsmith Adults in Vancouver and Redmond, and Eaton Arrowsmith Learning Centre, each of which is referred to herein as “Eaton Arrowsmith” or the “school.”

Eaton Arrowsmith may add, modify or remove portions of this Policy when it is considered appropriate to do so. Any changes will be effective upon the posting of the revised policy.

Eaton Arrowsmith Handwashing Policy

Rigorous hand-washing with plain soap and water is the most effective way to reduce the spread of illness (antibacterial soap is not needed for COVID-19). Follow these guidelines to ensure effective hand hygiene:

- Practice diligent hand hygiene by washing hands with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds (temperature does not change the effectiveness of washing hands with plain soap and water).
- Staff will facilitate regular opportunities for students to practice hand hygiene:
 - Using hand-washing sites and/or alcohol-based hand rub dispensers, especially where sinks are not available.
 - Hand-washing will be encouraged upon school entry and before/after breaks and eating, using washroom and using gym/playground equipment.
- Staff will promote the importance of diligent hand hygiene to students regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Staff will ensure hand-washing supplies are always well stocked including soap, paper towels and where appropriate, alcohol-based hand rub with a minimum of 60% alcohol.
- Staff will assist younger students with hand hygiene as needed.
- Students may bring their own sanitizer or plain soap if they are on the list authorized by Health Canada or have a medical condition that requires specialized soaps. ([See the List of Hand Sanitizers Authorized by Health Canada](#) for products that have met Health Canada’s requirements and are authorized for sale in Canada.)
- If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand rubs can be used to clean hands if they are not visibly soiled. If alcohol-based hand rub is not available, use an alcohol-based hand wipe followed by alcohol-based hand rub.

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Students Should Perform Hand Hygiene when:

- When they arrive at school.
- Before and after any breaks (e.g., recess, lunch).
- Before and after eating and drinking (excluding drinks kept at a student's desk or locker).
- Before and after using an indoor learning space used by multiple cohorts (e.g. the gym, music room, science lab, etc.).
- After using the toilet.
- After sneezing or coughing into hands.
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.

Staff Should Perform Hand Hygiene when:

- When they arrive at school.
- Before and after any breaks (e.g. recess, lunch).
- Before and after eating and drinking.
- Before and after handling food or assisting students with eating.
- Before and after giving medication to a student or self.
- After using the toilet.
- After contact with body fluids (i.e., runny noses, spit, vomit, blood).
- After cleaning tasks.
- After removing gloves.
- After handling garbage.
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.