**James Bay Community StrongStart BC Early Learning Program**

Our school district follows the advice of the BC Centre for Disease Control and the StrongStart site procedures are based on the recommendations of the following documents:

* [**COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings**](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/09/Guidance-k-12-schools-September-11.pdf)
* [**Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidance for K-12 Settings**](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/09/Provincial-COVID-19-Health-Safety-Guidelines-for-K-12-Settings.pdf)
* [**Greater Victoria School District COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan School Site Procedures**](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/09/GVSD61_Covid19ExposureControlPlan_SchoolSites_20200922.pdf)

Families need to complete the [Daily Health Assessment for Children & Caregivers](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2020/09/GVSD61_DailyHealthChecklist_20200922_Final.pdf) each day BEFORE they arrive at the StrongStart Centre. If a child or an adult have any symptoms, they must not enter the school building.

Entering/Leaving the StrongStart Program

* Maintain physical distancing from other family groups while waiting for the program to begin
* Families will meet at their scheduled time located at the front doors of the James Bay Community Centre. Miss Kris will be there to greet you. If you are running a little late, please call the school at 250-384-7184 and press 3 to reach the StrongStart room when you arrive.
* Wash hands as soon as you enter the StrongStart Room
* Wash hands before leaving the StrongStart Room
* Leave the school property promptly once the program has finished

Hand Hygiene

Children and their caregivers should perform hand hygiene:

* When they arrive
* Before & after eating
* After using the toilet
* After sneezing or coughing into hands
* Whenever hands are visibly dirty
* After contact with body fluids (spit, runny nose, etc.)
* When they return to the StrongStart room after taking a break from the program

Masks

* Masks are recommended for adults attending the StrongStart program
* Families are encouraged to bring their own masks
* Disposable masks will be provided as needed

Physical Distancing

* Children do not need to physically distance from their caregivers
* Adults need to maintain physical distance from other adults and children in the program
* Children will be encouraged to minimize physical contact with others as much as possible

Food & Drink

* Families will be offered a take-away snack at the end of the program.
* Families are encouraged to bring a filled water bottles for their personal use.
* No sharing of food or drink with anyone who does not live in your household.

Bathroom Use/Change Tables

* Children and adults need to wash their hands after using the toilet
* Caregivers and children are asked to use the washrooms located in the **Community Centre**.
* The change table and diaper disposal are located in the StrongStart room.

Program Times

* Families need to pre-register to attend a session.
* One-hour sessions will be offered every day (Monday-Friday) from 8:45-9:45 AM
* On Monday, Wednesday & Friday, a second session will be offered from 10:30-11:30 AM
* StrongStart Centres follow the school calendar (closed on holidays and Pro-D days).

**For more information and to register to attend a session, please visit:** [**https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/strong-start/**](https://www.sd61.bc.ca/programs/strong-start/)