

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank all of our families for your patience and understanding through what has been a tumultuous week of exposure notifications. As per the messaging from our Provincial Health Officer and Fraser Health officials, exposures in schools are a direct reflection of the number of positive cases in the community and our local community has clearly seen a spike during this time period. We also continue to be told that, up to this point, the infections are occurring in the community and then school exposures happen when students unknowingly come to school during their infectious period. The good news is that, up to this point, the evidence indicates that the virus is not being spread to others while at school when this occurs.

I can't predict the future but ask that we continue to work together to do the best we can in terms of supporting each other and also following safety protocols in and out of school.

*We continue to ask our staff and students to mask AND distance whenever possible and are reminding students that they are to eat lunch in their Period 2 classrooms or outside. When eating inside, students should not be moving around --they should sit at their desks until they are finished eating.

I should add that in addition to our regular Covid cleaning protocols, when we have an exposure or even a suspected exposure, District caretakers come in and deep clean the designated areas and this can include the use of an electrostatic sprayer. We have had the entire building sprayed a number of times.

Please see the attached letter from our Superintendent regarding Fraser Health's new streamlined notification process.

*The main difference is that the School Bulletin has been discontinued. Moving forward, contact tracing is to be completed in 48 hours, so if you have not been contacted during that time you can assume that your child was not a direct contact.

Updated Daily Health Check: (please see attachment)

The Daily Health Check for students has been updated to reflect the new information provided by the Ministry of Education and the BCCDC. The new updated Daily Health Check information can be accessed at the following website: [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/k-12-health-check)

For convenience, the Ministry of education has also provided a link to the new App for the Daily Health Check. **To download the mobile app, go to:**

[K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/k-12-health-check)

We ask that you continue to conduct a daily health check with your child each morning before your child arrives at school. We have also attached a paper copy for you.

The links to the Ministry Website and the paper version of the Daily Health Check are located on the District web site as well as on each school website under the COVID-19 banner.

A reminder that parents should also be conducting a daily health check when you are attending the school site and please do not attend the school if you are ill, even if you have a previously arranged appointment.

On a brighter note, I would like to congratulate our Grade 12 students who completed their Capstone presentations on Wednesday. As usual, they blew away our staff and community guests, who participated via ZOOM. We are so proud of them!

Have a great weekend,

Todd Clerkson

Principal

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