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The Government of BC has announced [BC's Restart Plan](#) with Step 1 of the 4-step plan beginning on May 25th. The earliest implementation of Step 2 is June 15, Step 3 July 1, and Step 4 September 7. As part of the restart plan, restrictions will be gradually eased over the summer months and allow for a full re-opening of schools after the Labour Day holiday. The focus is on a safe and staged return to normal activities and includes the loosening of provincial restrictions related to social gatherings and travel within health regions.

While these changes are encouraging, they **do not** impact the existing [Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#), which remain in place for the remainder of the school year. Graduation events, leaving ceremonies and all school-sponsored events (held on or off school grounds) must continue to follow the previously issued K-12 guidance. Recognition events will proceed as planned under the guidelines already shared with school administration and communities.

The K-12 Restart Plan is contingent upon the success of the BC vaccination rollout, which now includes those aged 12-17. We encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated by registering at <https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca>. In the meantime, all school safety protocols currently implemented will remain in effect until the end of the school year. This includes, but is not limited to, restriction of visitors to school sites, cleaning protocols, masks, physical distancing and hand hygiene measures. Please continue with daily health checks and assist in our commitment to keeping schools as safe as possible for children.

Thank you for continuing to heed the advice of health authorities as we wind down this school year and move into the summer break. While some specific protocols based on guidance provided by provincial health authorities will likely be in place when schools re-open in September, we look forward to welcoming your children back to school after the summer break!

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent/CEO