



Learning for a Lifetime

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Dear SD43 families,

Your continued support and dedication to help keep schools safe for children is appreciated. The best place for the well-being of children emotionally, socially, and educationally, is in school. The protocols in place at schools have been successful because children and families continue to practice hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing, wear masks when required, and perform daily health checks. As you are no doubt aware, there have been individual exposures in district schools but in each situation, the school community has responded to the direction of health authorities with diligence.

In matters of health, the district closely follows all guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer and the Fraser Health Authority. This includes communication of potential exposures. If a member of the school community tests positive for COVID-19, Fraser Health follows up directly with those individuals who may have been exposed and provides them instruction on whether to isolate or seek testing. When the school is notified of a potential exposure, based on a lab confirmed case, a letter is sent to the school community. The letter identifies the school and outlines any required actions. Individual students, families or classrooms are not identified to preserve personal privacy. Anyone considered to be a close contact will be contacted by health authorities. Please follow any directions provided if you are contacted. If your child attends a school that has experienced a case and you are not contacted by health authorities, it has been determined that your child is not at immediate risk of developing COVID-19 and your child may continue to attend school. Please continue to do daily health checks before school.

For more information visit www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures.

If you need assistance from a medical professional regarding symptoms or have concerns around a suspected case of COVID-19 in your household, please contact 8-1-1 to speak to a registered nurse. If you require more general information, please contact Fraser Health 7:30a.m. - 8:00p.m. by phone or text at 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319). Service is available in more than 110 languages.

For the most recent information on B.C.'s Back to School Plan, including health and safety measures, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>.

The safety and well-being of students continues to be the top priority for SD43 and the protocols in place continue to ensure schools are a controlled environment and as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent and CEO