

June 30, 2021

Dear parents/guardians,

We are happy that you have chosen to take advantage of the wonderful summer programming that our district offers by registering your child for Summer School.

This week, Premier Horgan and Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that BC will be entering step 3 of our provincial restart plan. This is exciting and welcome news for all of us as our case counts continue to fall.

Under step 3 of the provincial restart plan, masks will become optional in indoor spaces for people that are fully vaccinated. However, there is a separate restart plan specific to K-12 education and the Ministry of Education has directed school districts to continue operations under stage 2 of the K-12 restart plan until the start of next school year and they provide further direction.

This means that all current health and safety protocols for students and staff remain in effect for Summer School.

FACE MASKS

All K-12 school-based staff and students who will be going into grades 4 to 12 in September are required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are at their workstations (desks/tables). This order will also extend to students in lower grades that share a class with grade 4 students. Students will not need to wear masks when they are outside.

Exceptions include:

- A person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons);
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. high-intensity physical activity);
- If a person is eating or drinking;
- If a person is behind a barrier;
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Please ensure that your child arrive with a mask starting on the first day of Summer School. Single-use masks continue to be available from their Summer School teacher for students who forget or lose their mask.

DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

One of the most important factors in keeping our schools safe is the daily screening for any COVID-19 symptoms and for students and staff to stay home if they are feeling unwell or displaying symptoms. Students are still required to perform a daily health check before they come to Summer School. The K-12 health-check app makes it easy and can be found at: https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Wishing you and your child a great Summer School experience!

Sincerely,

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