

# Maple Green Community News Flash #7

December 1, 2021



## *Important Dates*

Tuesday, December 7	PAC Meeting 7pm
Thursday, December 9	Last Day to Order Hot Lunch
Monday, December 13	Last day for Food Drive Donations
Monday, December 13 – Friday, December 17	Spirit Week
Wednesday, December 15	Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
Friday, December 17	Last Day Before Winter Break Hot Lunch - OPA
Monday, December 20 – Friday, December 31	Winter Break – School Closed
Monday, January 3	Return to School

## *Travelling to the U.S.?*

Federal travel guidance around COVID-19 states that unvaccinated persons, including children, who travel outside of Canada **cannot attend school for 14 days following their return**. This means that even if your children go with you to the US for shopping for the day, they then need to stay home from school for 14 days. Please see the documentation from the Surrey School District enclosed with this newsletter.

## *Student Absences*



If your child is going to be away from school or late to school, please call (604-594-8838) and leave a message or email the office at [maplegreen@surreyschools.ca](mailto:maplegreen@surreyschools.ca) and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence

## *PAC Meeting*

Please join us for the next PAC meeting. All are welcome!

Time: Dec 7, 2021 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/65778193257?pwd=TFZ3SU1zNUNHQU9reE5ZeDF1WWJHUT09>

## *No Lunch Drop Offs*

A reminder that because of covid protocols, we cannot have lunches dropped off at school. Students must bring their lunch with them to school.

## *Food Drive*

We are hosting our annual Surrey Food Drive. We are asking families to donate non-perishable food items only if it is feasible, for families in need this holiday season. Some of the most needed items would be canned goods such as soup, canned fruits/vegetables, canned fish/meat, whole grain pasta, rice, baby food, diapers, pajamas, etc.-- anything helps! We will be collecting the donations until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for participating and helping those in need. It is so appreciated!

## *Visitors*

A reminder that we are asking all adults not to enter the front doors of the school, even briefly, unless you have an appointment. If you come to the doors, please call the school and we will be happy to come to the front door to speak to you.

## *Daily Health Check*

The school is sending students home each day who have come to school when they are not feeling well. Everyone needs to do their part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

**DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL.**

Remember to complete the daily health check on the last page of this newsletter each day before sending your child(ren) to school. We are all in this together!

## *Spirit Week*

Here is the schedule for Spirit Week December 13-17.

Merry Monday: Wear Christmas Colours! Red, Green, Blue and White!

Toasty Tuesday: Wear an (ugly) Christmas Sweater

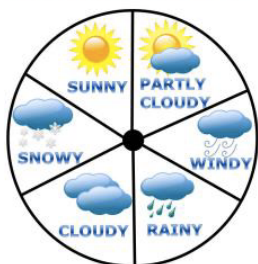
Work It Wednesday: Dress like North Pole Helpers - wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers, elf hat/shoes

Tree-mendous Thursday: Dress like a Christmas Tree - wear garland, tinsel, lights, and ornaments

Flannel Friday: Wear your favourite Christmas pajamas



## HOW'S THE WEATHER TODAY?



## *Outside at Recess & Lunch - Dress for the Weather!*

The rainy season is definitely here and unless there is a severe weather warning, students will continue to go outside for recess and lunch. Free play, fresh air and social interactions outside are a valuable part of students' learning each day. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather (including proper footwear, change of socks / clothes, warm waterproof outerwear and maybe an umbrella). Students will not be calling home during the day to have dry clothing brought to school, so please prepare in advance.

## *Job Opportunity*



The Surrey School district invites applications for the following position:

### **SUPERVISION AIDES**

This is an ideal part-time opportunity for retirees, post-secondary students studying from home and adults who relate well to children and youth. You will work one hour per day providing lunch supervision to elementary and secondary students. The hourly rate is \$22.21 per hour, and preference will be given to those available Monday to Friday.

Apply online at [www.surreyschools.ca/careers](http://www.surreyschools.ca/careers)

Questions? Contact Heidi Haywood, Human Resources 604-595-6145

Note: Successful applicants will be required to consent to a Criminal Record Search prior to employment. Only those persons selected for interviews will be contacted. To all others, thank you for your interest.

# Order Your Hot Lunch!!!

OPA! on Friday December 17th



- Chicken & rice
- Chicken & salad
- Falafel & rice
- Falafel & salad
- Spanakopita
- Pita
- Cookies
- Juice

Last day for order & payment online is Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>

[www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen](http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/maplegreen)

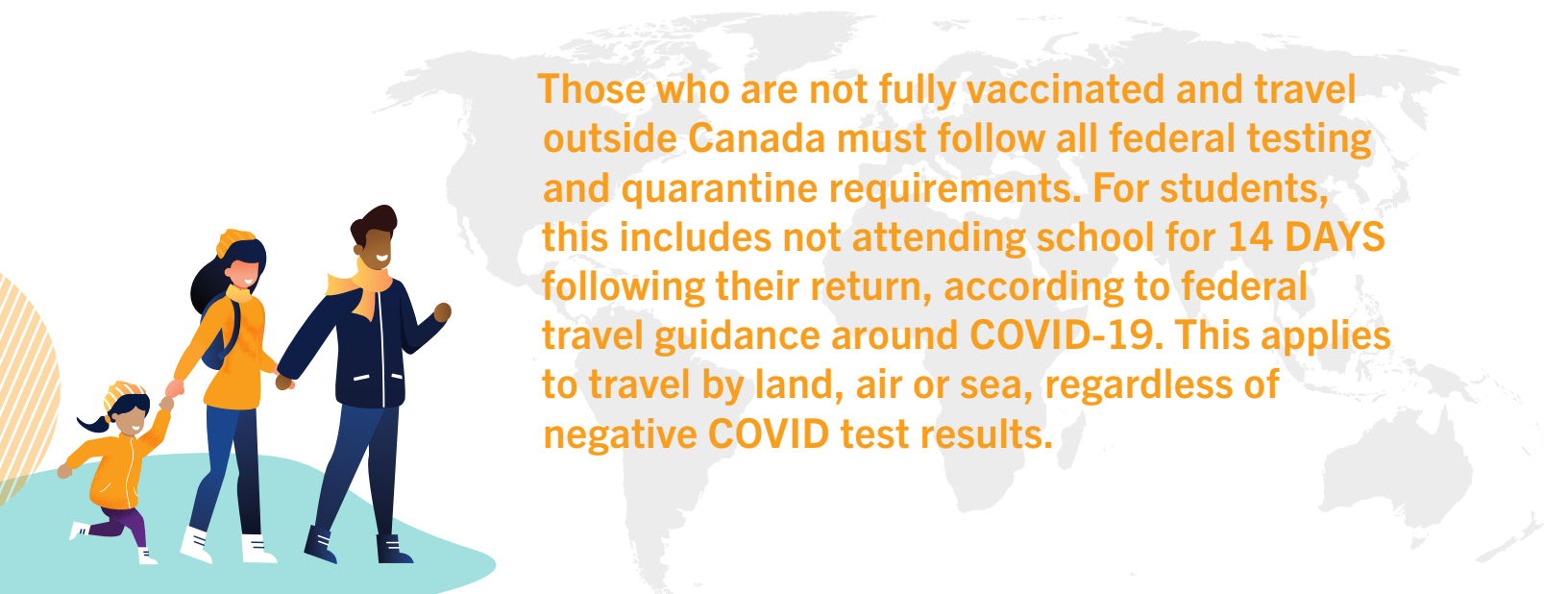
or find the quick link at [www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen](http://www.surreyschools.ca/maplegreen)

**\*\*Please note that we are not running cafeteria or concession and will not provide hot lunch to those who bring cash on that day. Please make sure you order before the deadline so your kids don't miss out!**

If you have any problems with ordering and/or payment through munchalunch or if you would like to talk to us, please feel free to contact us at:  
maplegreenpac@gmail.com or call Shelley at 604-722-5354

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND SCHOOL

With international borders now open to non-essential travel, ensure you know the requirements and restrictions for students and staff travelling outside of Canada, including to the United States and Mexico, as they pertain to returning to school.



**Those who are not fully vaccinated and travel outside Canada must follow all federal testing and quarantine requirements. For students, this includes not attending school for 14 DAYS following their return, according to federal travel guidance around COVID-19. This applies to travel by land, air or sea, regardless of negative COVID test results.**

This 14-day attendance restriction also applies to:

- day cares and camps
- settings with vulnerable people (i.e. long-term care facilities)
- large crowded indoor or outdoor settings (i.e. amusement parks, sporting events)
- crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking

**Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students should not return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result.** There are exemptions for travel as part of cross-border custody agreements. For more information on this exemption, please visit [here](#).

## AIR TRAVEL

Those 12 years or older must be fully vaccinated to board domestic and international flights departing most airports in Canada and must show the [Canadian COVID-19 proof of vaccination](#).

To re-enter Canada, all returning travellers five and up must provide proof of a COVID-19 negative molecular test result (also known as a [pre-entry test](#)) taken within 72 hours before returning OR proof of previous positive test result taken between 14 and 180 days. Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children and adults must also take an [arrival test](#) when returning to Canada and will receive a kit to use on Day-8 of their mandatory quarantine.

## LAND BORDER CROSSING

COVID-19 proof of vaccination is required in addition to your regular travel documents. Children under 18 are exempt from showing proof of vaccination. However, everyone five and up must follow the same pre-entry and arrival testing requirements as noted under Air Travel to re-enter Canada.

\*\* Please note, travel rules and restrictions are subject to change. It is the responsibility of staff and students/families to review the latest federal guidance. For the latest information, visit [travel.gc.ca/travel-covid](https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid)

# DAILY HEALTH CHECK

## KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

## WHAT TO DO

Fever (above 38°C)	<b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and get a health assessment.
Chills	
Cough	Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	

## OTHER SYMPTOMS

## WHAT TO DO

Sore throat	<b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea and vomiting	If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Diarrhea	

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

## WHAT TO DO

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<b>If yes:</b> All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to <a href="#">self-quarantine</a> for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.  This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the self-quarantine orders. Additional information is available <a href="#">here</a> .
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## CLOSE CONTACT

## WHAT TO DO

Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<b>If yes:</b> Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.  You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.
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Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca). If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Please check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.