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A message from the Surrey School District:

Surrey Schools has been advised that the risk to the general public, including school-age children, is very low. Medical Health Officers continue to monitor the situation closely, and will provide further advice and information as it becomes available.

Public Health advises that it is not necessary for the general public to take special precautions beyond the usual measures recommended to prevent other common respiratory viruses during the winter period. There is also no need to restrict attendance of asymptomatic (no signs or symptoms of illness) staff or students with a travel history to affected areas. Additionally, there is no need to alter regular school activities or to cancel school events or local field trips to public spaces or events due to the virus.

Regular handwashing, coughing or sneezing into your elbow sleeve or tissue, disposing of tissues appropriately and avoiding contact with sick people are important ways to prevent the spread of respiratory illness generally. Most of the reported cases are only showing mild symptoms and are well enough to recover at home. As with influenza, elderly people and those with underlying health conditions are more likely to develop severe disease and /or require hospitalization.

Anyone who is concerned they may have been exposed to the coronavirus should contact their primary-care provider or call 811.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit:

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[BC Ministry of Health](#)

[Health Canada](#)

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