



Cougar Creek Connection 2021/22 Issue #2

Principal's Message

Hello Parents, Students, & Families,

Please see the important update below on the use of masks for all students and staff.

*We have also included a link for you that includes information about photo day for your child.
Information on how to order will be sent out after photos have been taken.*

Kind Regards,

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Important Dates



- October 4 Only One You Day - dress to best represent yourself and share your hobbies and interests
- October 7 Photo Day
- October 11 Thanksgiving / No School
- October 22 No School for Students / Professional Development Day
- October 29 Hallowe'en Celebrations - wear costumes or orange and black

Updated Health and Safety Protocols in all Schools



On Wednesday afternoon, the Surrey Board of Education met with Fraser Health's Medical Health Officer responsible for schools to discuss masking, vaccinations, testing and exposure notifications.

At that time, the Board made a decision to expand the provincial mask mandate to include all students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Earlier today, the provincial government announced that these measures will be in place province-wide effective Monday, October 4th. You can see the government news release on the provincial mandate [here](#).

This means that **all staff and students (K-12) must wear a mask when inside a school** or on a bus.

We recognize this will be a change for some of our young students. We will work closely with our students on mask wearing in a positive manner and ensure all of our students continue to have access to non-medical face masks.

The Board of Education also discussed additional measures including vaccination clinics, testing, and notifications:

- **School-based Vaccine Clinics:** The Board of Education will partner with Fraser Health to examine hosting vaccine clinics in our schools for the purpose of increasing vaccination rates in our communities where rates are low. These clinics will only be available to our school communities - staff, students and their families.
- **COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle test kits:** The Board will promote the use of take-home COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Sample Collection kits to families with children who become symptomatic while at school. This initiative will help increase access to testing and work towards preventing COVID-19 transmission in the school environment.
- **Notifications:** Families are now able to access COVID-19 exposures on the Fraser Health website. Fraser Health will post the school name and date(s) of exposure on their website [here](#). Our Board will continue to work with Fraser Health to do all we can to ensure that notification processes are timely, transparent, and include information about clusters.

We would like to thank Fraser Health for their continued partnership and expertise during this pandemic, and our school community for your support.

From the PAC

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be the Annual General Meeting. We encourage parents to get involved by attending the meeting. Please enter by the multipurpose room outside door next to the gym by the front entrance. Parents will be asked to sanitize, sign in, and wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, October 19 at 8:40 AM.**

Photo Day is October 7th

Please see this information from Mountain West, our photography company:

[Mountain West Photos](#)

Daily Health Check



Please do not enter the workplace if you answer YES to any of the following questions:			
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Have you been contacted by Public Health and identified as a confirmed contact of a person with COVID-19?	YES	NO
	Has Public health instructed you to self-isolate?	YES	NO
Are you experiencing any of the following <u>new</u> or <u>worsening</u> symptoms?			
Key Symptoms of Illness	Fever or Chills	YES	NO
	Cough	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Difficulty breathing	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Extreme fatigue or tiredness	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Body aches	YES	NO
	Nausea or vomiting	YES	NO
Diarrhea	YES	NO	

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

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to the school/district site when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to the school/district site until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

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