

COVID-19 VIDEO Q&A WITH Fraser Health's MHO

As we enter the second week of school, we recognize that some of you may still have questions about what you can anticipate in this new school year. To help answer your questions, Superintendent Jordan Tinney met with our regional Medical Health Officer, Dr. Ariella Zbar to film this [informative video](#) that answers frequently asked questions about COVID-19 and the updated provincial health and safety guidelines for B.C. schools.

This video includes responses to the following questions that we've received from staff, students and parents. For ease, we have included time stamps for each question (these time stamps are hyperlinked in the Vimeo comments section):

1. Are schools going back to normal this school year? (0:55)
2. What prevention measures will schools have in place? (1:41)
3. Will quarantine still be required (staff and students) if they travel outside of Canada? (2:30)
4. Is school safe for my child? (2:52)
5. Why are cohorts no longer required? (3:34)
6. Why are we not requiring a physical distance of 2 meters anymore? (4:33)
7. Why are masks not required for students in kindergarten to grade 3? (5:13)
8. Why is it important to get vaccinated and can it protect those who aren't yet eligible? (6:24)
9. Is it safe for my child to start participating in extracurricular activities? (7:30)
10. Will visitors be able to attend extracurricular events and field trips this year? (8:30)
11. What will happen if our community sees an increase in COVID-19 cases? (9:12)
12. Is it safe for staff to start meeting in person? How can we protect ourselves in meetings? (10:31)
13. Are the disinfecting products and electrostatic sprayers safe for use around children? Why can't the district use a more natural cleaner (like vinegar and water) to clean schools? (11:25)
14. What happens if there is a COVID-19 exposure at school? Will I be notified? (12:07)
15. Are schools a priority for contact tracing? (14:20)

You can also view the video at www.surreyschoos.ca/covid19, where you can find written transcripts of the Q&A session in [English](#), [Punjabi](#), [Chinese](#) and [Arabic](#).

Thank you and have a great afternoon!

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