



# EVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ever Creek Families,

As we approach the December Winter Break and families prepare to celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or other winter holidays or family gatherings, I thought it was important to provide some updates to the Ever Creek school community. It has been heartening to see that together students and staff remain committed to supporting each other and doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. A special welcome to our new Vice-Principal, Mr. Jason Anderson who joined us in early November.

## **COVID-19 Communication Protocol – CHANGE**

There are significant changes to the protocols for our COVID-19 Notices of Exposure from Fraser Health to Ever Creek and the Surrey School District. Beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup>, there are potentially three different types of letters that could go to our school community:

1. Early Notification Exposed – only the classes where a positive case was in attendance during their infectious period will get this letter.
2. Early Notification Not Exposed – all others in the school will get this letter.
3. Early Notification – All School – only when a case is not attached to any specific class will this letter be sent to schools. An example would be where the case is a vice-principal or custodian who would not be assigned a specific class.

When these letters are sent, contact tracing is still underway with the positive case. As soon as contact tracing is completed, Fraser Health will issue a School Bulletin. This is to let our school community know that all of Fraser Health's work with the associated positive case is completed.

We are all learning lessons as we wade through the COVID-19 pandemic and hopefully the lessons learned that have led to these improved communication protocols will help us all move forward safely.

## **COVID-19 Safety Reminders**

As you are aware, the number of people contracting COVID is on the rise and this is particularly the case in the Fraser Health region. With our students we continue reviewing our Safety Protocols, Procedures and Expectations to message around the importance of following the basic health measures of regular handwashing, practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask when in public, staying at home when ill and avoiding large gatherings. We will be emphasizing the role we each play in our collective effort to flatten the curve and keep our school community and the wider community safe.

We are asking families to help us reinforce the messaging we have been sharing with our students:

- Completing the **Daily Health Check** and staying home if you are not feeling well or exhibiting any symptoms;

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/covid19/healthsafety/Documents/Daily%20Health%20Check.pdf>

- Wearing a mask is required when:
  - o Entering the building and moving through common areas such as hallways;
  - o Keeping a physical distance of 2 metres from people outside their learning cohort is not possible—this includes school grounds and, in the community,
- Washing hands or using sanitizer before entering the building or a classroom;
- Not sharing food or snacks with peers and friends;
- Remembering to “Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.

### **Informing the School of COVID Related Health Issues**

In the event that a student experiences a positive COVID-19 virus test, we are requesting that families contact the school office to inform us of the testing results as soon as possible. We would like to centralize the collection of this information, so we can effectively follow up to keep our community safe. We will inform teachers that your child will be absent and take steps to ensure that the students can continue with their learning while they are away.

We would request that families do not contact the school for advice on whether to send your child(ren) to school or not. Please conduct the Daily Health Check or call 811 for advice as our office staff or administrators cannot provide advice on this topic.

For additional information on COVID-19 School Exposures: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/school-notifications#.X81xoemQE6V>

### **Quarter 2**

Quarter 2 is well underway with students and staff learning together how best to accomplish blended learning and learning with the different structures in our day. I am extremely proud of the resilience of our students and the professional commitment of our teachers as they face these challenges together. I hope families haven't taken time to log onto MyEd BC to look at Quarter 1 Final Reports together to reflect on what went well and to plan for a great Quarter 2.

### **Educational Program Options and Counselling Support**

We started the school year with 8% of our school population choosing either the Enver Creek Transitions Online model for grade 8/9 or online learning for grade 10-12 students through Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL). The number of families opting for online options decreased in Quarter 2 and we are looking forward to continuing to welcome our students back into the school. I believe we have shown over the last three months that the Health and Safety protocols in place are working and Enver Creek is a safe place for students and staff to be, even in the face of rising COVID numbers in our community.

If your family is considering a change to how your child is accessing their educational program, please reach out to their assigned counsellor or vice-principal.

A reminder that our school counsellors are available to support students in their mental and emotional well-being. If concerns arise, please remind your child to contact their counsellor. Parents are also welcome to contact counsellors directly if they are concerned about their child. There is no doubt that some of us are feeling increased levels of stress and anxiety. Enver Creek's highly trained counselling staff are a great resource to help students learn and practice the skills necessary to manage.

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### **Upcoming Events**

December 7 – PAC Meeting 7PM Zoom  
December 9 – Early Dismissal for all students  
December 15 – Mid-term reports posted on MyEd BC  
December 18 – Last day before Winter Break  
January 4 – School re-opens after Winter Break  
January 11 – PAC Meeting 7PM Zoom  
January 27 – Last day of classes in Quarter 2  
January 28 & 29 – Course Competency Days

Thank you too all members of our school community for your ongoing patience and support! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time by calling the school office or emailing me at [kilpatrick\\_m@surreyschools.ca](mailto:kilpatrick_m@surreyschools.ca) .

Sincerely



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