



École Élémentaire Laronde Elementary

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Dear Laronde Families,

We know that all of you have received recent exposure letters for our school. Some of you have also received self-monitoring letters while others have additionally received self-isolation letters. What does this all mean? An exposure letter lets the community know that there was a covid positive test result for a student or staff member. A self-monitoring letter lets you know that your child **may have** come into contact with someone who has tested positive (this could be in class or outside). A letter for self-isolation means that Fraser Health has determined that your child needs to self-isolate.

We know that you may have questions about how it is determined who needs to self-isolate. Fraser Health makes the determination about who should and should not isolate. Fraser Health works with the covid positive case, their family, the school and the staff to determine who needs to isolate. This could include proximity in the school, proximity in the community and other factors that are shared with Fraser Health.

Please note that there have been cases of children who have tested positive for covid who have been asymptomatic.

Here are some things we are doing at the school to help prevent the spread of covid:

- We are following all ministry, health and district guidelines and protocols with respects to covid
- Students in grades 4 - 7 are wearing masks inside
- Staff are continuing to ask students to keep some distance between each other
- Parents have been asked to follow district protocols about wearing a mask and keeping 2 metre distance from others
- We make announcements reminding students and staff about the various protocols
- Currently, we are staggering recess and lunch times for classes



Here are a few things you can do which are helpful:

- Ensure your child wears a mask at all times when indoors (we encourage students in kindergarten to grade 3 to also wear a mask)
- Ensure your child keeps some distance between playmates/friends even if wearing a mask (although we know that maintaining 2 metres distance is difficult for children)
- Ensure that you follow all Fraser Health, BC government, PHO and Surrey School District guidelines and restrictions in relation to COVID
- Please do daily health checks and keep your children at home even with one symptom (a common symptom in our community is a headache, although most children who have tested positive have had no symptoms)
- Please call the school or email me immediately if your child tests positive – this helps us help Fraser Health do contact tracing in a timelier manner – we only give out your info to Fraser Health
- If you have received a letter from Fraser Health for your child to self-isolate, please make sure you keep your child in isolation – please read the notice carefully and follow the directions from Fraser Health
- Please do not gossip or go onto social media trying to figure out who tested positive for covid or share info about others, it is in our community, we need to be supportive of each other and know that no one is trying to get nor spread covid
- Parents and Guardians are reminded that they need to wear a mask at all times as soon as they step onto school district property and to keep a 2 metre distance from others
- Please go home right after school, do not gather to play or chat with others

Thank you to everyone for being so patient, supportive, and willing to follow the various orders to help stop the spread and keep our community safe. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Kind regards,

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