

Subject: Ministry of Education Special Update - COVID-19

The Ministry of Education has circulated updated information in response to COVID-19, including an update from this yesterday's press conference. This information will also be available at www.surreyschools.ca/coronavirus.

Update March 9, 2020

Today and over the weekend a total of 11 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported, bringing the total to 32. The Provincial Health Officer announced today that one person, a man in his 80s, has passed away. Of the total 32 cases, four people have fully recovered, three people are in hospital in acute care, and the 24 remaining cases are recovering, in good condition, at home.

See joint statement from Monday March 9, announcing five new cases, and the first death from COVID-19 in B.C. -<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0068-000423>

And joint statement from Saturday March 7, announcing six new cases of COVID-19 - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0064-000413>

Surrey School District

On the weekend, Fraser Health notified the Surrey School District that a member of the Sullivan Heights Secondary community is a confirmed case of COVID-19. This person was asymptomatic during their time at the school; so the risk to the school population is minimal.

The district was also notified by Fraser Health over the weekend that an individual, who was diagnosed with COVID-19, had recently been in Serpentine Heights Elementary as part of a community use rental. Because the school community was not in contact with the affected individual, Fraser Health has advised that that the risk to our school community is low.

The district initiated a deep clean protocol in both schools over the weekend in preparation for classes on Monday.

The risk to the public is low and those who need to be aware of possible exposure have been contacted.

TRAVEL Advice from the Provincial Health Officer

At this time, it is not necessary to cancel planned events, outings or trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. However, travellers should understand that as global efforts to contain COVID-19 continue, the availability of health care services in some areas may be limited and travel restrictions may be put in place suddenly. Cruise ships continue to be high-risk environments for transmission. Today the federal government has recommended that Canadians avoid all [cruise ship travel](#) due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

People who are planning travel should check the latest travel notices and advisories on the Government of Canada's website: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>.

Information about COVID-19, including advice and guidance to schools, is regularly updated on the BC Centre for Disease Control site: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID19_schools_childcare_guidelines.pdf Please routinely check this site and its resources.

Useful Links

- The Provincial Pandemic Coordination plan: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/pandemic-provincial-coordination-plan.pdf>
- KIDS and COVID-19 QA: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)#For--schools--and--childcare](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel)#For--schools--and--childcare)
- CBC Kids along with the PHO produced a kid-centric Q and A video about COVID-19: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/watch-coronavirus-facts-versus-fiction>
- Mar. 9 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0068-000423>
- Mar. 7 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0064-000413>
- Mar. 6 statement from Premier John Horgan, Health Minister Adrian Dix and Provincial Medical Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0012-000404>
- Mar. 5 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0062-000393>
- Mar. 4, joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0060-000380>
- Mar. 3, PM joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0058-000370>
- Mar. 3, AM joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0056-000365>
- Mar. 2, joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0054-000361>
- Feb. 25, joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0048-000330>
- Feb. 24, joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0043-000320>
- Feb. 20 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0041-000304>
- Feb. 19 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0039-000294>
- Feb. 14 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0036-000284>
- Feb. 6 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0025-000236>
- Feb. 4 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0023-000222>
- Feb. 3 joint statement from the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0020-000210>

- Ministry of Health response plans - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza>
- Novel Coronavirus Q&A from HealthLinkBC: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus>
- BC Centre for Disease Control: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- Government of Canada - Novel Coronavirus in China Travel Health Notice: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/210>