



Sullivan Elementary School

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Dear parents/guardians,

As you know, families are able to access COVID-19 exposures on the [Fraser Health website](#). Fraser Health posts the school name and date(s) of exposure on their website [here](#). They have assured us that schools are still a priority setting and they are closely monitoring transmission in school settings and managing contacts. Right now, only those individuals who may have been exposed are contacted by public health via a letter or phone call.

To date, Fraser Health has confirmed three known clusters at our school. A cluster is defined as two or more cases within a 14-day period at a given school. Fraser Health did isolate three classes, all of whom have safely returned to school.

I appreciate that families may be feeling anxious. Please be assured that the health and safety of our staff and students is always our first priority, and we will continue to work closely with public health to limit the spread of illness and ensure our school is safe.

We are following all of the [measures](#) set out by the BCCDC and Ministry of Education to limit the spread of illness and we will continue to encourage our staff and students to remain vigilant. These protocols include:

- **Daily Health Check:** Everyone must continue to do a [daily health check](#) to determine if they should come into the building that day. This includes students, staff and all visitors. If you do not pass the daily health check, do not come to school. It is critical that we all follow this guidance as health checks are our school's first and most important line of defense against COVID-19.
- **Masks:** All K-12 staff, students and visitors are required to wear a mask while indoors at school. Masks are available in our office for any students that need them.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Students are encouraged to frequently wash their hands. Hand sanitizer is also available on site for situations where soap and water are not available.
- **Physical Distancing:** Even though public health is no longer recommending strict physical distancing of two metres; our school is implementing strategies to respect personal space and maximize distance.

Where it does not unreasonably interfere with learning, we are also implementing temporary, targeted measures that will further enhance our school safety protocols. These measures offer additional layers of protection and each measure will be deployed in relation to classroom context and specific educational activity. They include:



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- Keeping classes separated while indoors. This means no team teaching or grouping of classes inside.
- Carefully reviewing classroom seating plans to ensure space is being efficiently utilized while maximising distance between students.
- Having special classes like French and music instruction occur in each classroom and not in a shared French or music room.
- No indoor inter-school or intra-mural sports.

Our school will continue to be safely open for instruction with these temporary enhanced measures. We will also continue to monitor the situation and are working closely with Fraser Health. The safety of our school community is of utmost importance, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

If you choose to keep your child at home for the period of October 12th to 21st, please ensure that our office is aware, and we can coordinate a continued connection to your child's class and teacher. You can notify us by emailing sullivan@surreyschools.ca. There will be an additional resource onsite to support learning during this period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school. Or if you have questions specific to a COVID-19 exposure at the school, please contact the Fraser Health COVID-19 Call Centre at 778-368-0123.

Sincerely,

Rachel Der