

# Community News Flash #10

## October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020



### Important Dates:

- Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pro D Day
- Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Pumpkin Run

## District Reminds Parents & Guardians of Pandemic Protocols

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

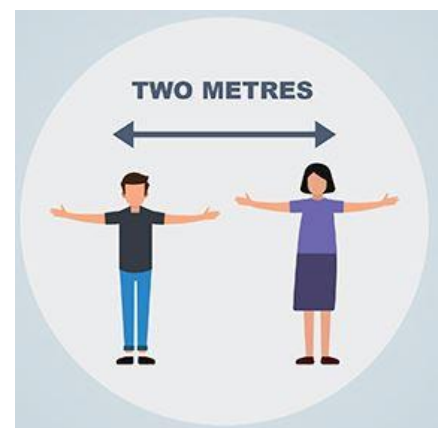
School looks very different for families this year -- staying in cohorts, wearing masks and physical distancing have become standard for students navigating the hallways and classrooms. But those are just a few steps the district has taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

The district's health and safety protocols also extend to parents and guardians, including how students are dropped off and picked up, and who can enter the school.

"A lot went into the new health and safety training for staff in preparation for this school year," said Mary Campbell, Manager of Health & Safety with the district. "[Daily health checks](#) , staying in cohorts, physical distancing, cough etiquette and diligent hand hygiene have become new standards for everyone at school.

"It is important that all of us follow these protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect our larger community from this virus."

The district also reminds parents and guardians to continue taking safety measures when on school property, including practicing physical distancing from other parents, students and staff when dropping off and picking up their children. Anyone on school property should maintain a distance of two metres from others where possible. If distancing is not possible, parents are encouraged to wear masks.



As a precaution, no visitors are permitted in schools without prior arrangement by the principal. Parents who have arranged to visit their child's school should not enter classrooms and must follow the directions posted on the school entrance, such as phoning to make an online appointment to speak to their child's teacher, calling the office or dropping off forgotten school items at the exterior door.

"We want to limit the number of people entering our schools to lessen the chance of exposure to our students and staff," said Campbell. "This year has been an adjustment for everyone, but it's something we must do to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone at our schools."

Parents should also assess themselves for symptoms and avoid coming to school property if they have one or more [symptoms of COVID-19](#), have returned from international travel in the last 14 days, or have been in contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19.

Students and staff should also stay home when new symptoms of illness develop. The district will support any students who need to stay home due to illness.

The health and safety of our students and staff is everyone's responsibility, and the district thanks all students, staff and parents for their efforts.

by [Jacob Zinn](#)

## ***Surrey Blended Drop-off and Pick-up***

To help ensure student safety we are reminding families about the following drop-off and pick-up expectations:

- Please wear a mask when on school grounds
- Do not enter the general field and play areas when regular classes are outside on break times
- Please drop-off and pick-up from the designated area for your child's class
  - Ms. Hugh and Mr. Litt - use the side gate and wait outside the mod. Meet your child at the end of the day outside the gates.
  - Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Heieis - Please have students wait alongside the school building. Parents please keep the sidewalk free.
  - Ms. Ising and Ms. Van Acker - meet outside the primary gates

Thanks for helping to keep student health, safety and security as a top priority.



## ***Classroom Parents***

Some divisions do not have a classroom parent yet. If you are interested in being a classroom parent, please let your child's teacher know.



## ***Friday October 30***

As we know, this year Halloween will be looking a little different. In order to follow the health and safety protocols we have made some adjustments to some of our Halloween traditions. We appreciate your support and flexibility.

### ***Costumes/ Orange & Black Spirit Day***

We will be encouraging students to participate in our orange and black spirit day. Students may wear their costumes however, they must be able to independently change out of their costume in the classroom. Students will need to be wearing their change of clothes under their costume.

### ***Candy/Treats/Trinkets***

Students will not be allowed to bring in candy, treats or trinkets to share with their classmates. If families would like to send their child(ren) with a few pieces to enjoy on October 30th during the lunch or recess snack times this will be permitted.

### ***Pumpkin Walk***

Please know there will not be a Halloween parade. Instead, we will be doing a staggered pumpkin walk around the perimeter of the school. Unfortunately, due to COVID protocols, parents / guardians are not permitted to stay and watch the walk.

### ***Parent Participation***

Unfortunately, due to H&S protocols we cannot have parent volunteers in the classroom. After drop off we are asking parents to not stay and gather.



## Hot Lunch Refunds

Most of the hot lunch refund cheques have been handed out to students to take home. We still have some unclaimed cheques in the office. If you have not received your hot lunch refund cheque, please email [rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca) with the following information:

1. Your Students Name(s):
2. Parents name they used to register their child for hot lunch:
3. Parents legal and called names:



## Student Planners

All students in Grades 1-7 are asked to purchase a planner for \$5.00. If you do not wish to purchase one from the school, please make sure your child brings their own to school. Please remember to purchase a planner for your child online at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>. If you have any problems with setting up online payments, please contact the office.

## Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. Processing late arrivals and mid-day pick-ups is challenging for us with COVID protocols. If your child is going to be away from school or late to school please email the office at [rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca) and include the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Teacher
- Division
- Reason for Absence



## Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

\*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

**If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever),** you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

**If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever,** seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

**A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.**

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