

# Community News Flash #2

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## Important Dates

Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- Meet the Teacher Night (format to be determined)

- Terry Fox Run

- Pro D Day - No School

- Truth and Reconciliation Day - School Closed

- Orange Shirt Day

## Class Organization Update

During the past two weeks we registered 51 new students at Rosemary Heights (not including Kindergarten), which brings our total student population to 529, which is 15 above our projected numbers. The Surrey School District management team and School Board have now approved our class organization plan with one additional division. At this time, staff are continuing to work on student placements. Students and families will learn about permanent classes early next week.

As students settle into their new classrooms, we are often asked how decisions are made regarding the organization of classes. We consider each child's placement carefully based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual development
- Social/Emotional development
- Student exceptionalities
- Known student history e.g. same teacher, previous class placements
- Compatibility of students and friendships
- The match between student and teacher
- Study/work habits
- Program characteristics
- B.C. teacher class size and composition requirements
- Parent request letters

As much as possible, attempts are made to create balanced classes. The placement of students is determined through school-based professional decisions. We feel confident that your child will be placed appropriately.

Most children are excited about being in a new class! However, some children may feel anxious about their placement. Generally, our experience is that children easily adjust within the first few days. If your child is finding the change difficult, please let them know it is typical to feel anxious in new situations, but that soon their new classroom will feel like home!

Thanks for your support with this process and for helping us begin another wonderful year together at Rosemary Heights!





## Medical Alerts

Parents should ensure that the school is informed of any medical conditions which require emergency response. **There are forms at the office for students with life threatening allergies, asthma, seizures etc. Please make sure that all information is up to date and any medication that is needed is labeled and all information is current.** When a child needs medications at school, particular District policies must be followed. Please make sure to see the office if this pertains to your child.

## Student Attendance

We ask that families ensure that children attend school on time, during scheduled hours, and minimize any mid-day interruptions, whenever possible. If your child is going to be away from school please email us at [rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:rosemaryheights@surreyschools.ca).

## Parent Handbook / Student Planners

A handbook for parents is included in the student planner. It contains important topics such as the school Code of Conduct, communication, school policies etc. Please take the time to read through the information and discuss the pertinent topics with your child. All students in Grades 1-7 are expected to purchase a planner for \$5.00. **All purchases can be made online once students are put in to classrooms.**



## Optional Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the Surrey School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian.

Several companies offer accident insurance. Parents who would like to purchase accident insurance for their child are advised to choose an insurance provider and plan that suits your family's individual needs. For your convenience Surrey Schools has made available information on student accident insurance through [Insuremykids](http://Insuremykids), and [studyinsuredstudentaccident.com](http://studyinsuredstudentaccident.com).

### Some plan features:

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under MSP, private or group insurance plans, for example, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counselling and much more.
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Covers Ambulance fees
- Covers injury related **Eyeglasses (limits may apply)**.
- **Low** annual premiums from \$13 - \$33 per student.  
(Discounts available for families with 3 or more children).

For more information, or to purchase directly online, please visit [Insuremykids.com](http://Insuremykids.com) or [studyinsuredstudentaccident.com](http://studyinsuredstudentaccident.com).



September 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: B.C.'s Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for Students**

B.C.'s Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation for children has been in effect since July 2019. This regulation supports the gathering of immunization records by Fraser Health for all students in all schools across the region within the province's jurisdiction and to offer immunizations in school settings.

We care about keeping our schools and communities healthy. As a result, in the coming months our staff will check the immunization records we have on file for **children in kindergarten**. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted.

**For students in grades 6, 7, 9 and 10** – this school year Fraser Health will offer immunizations in the school setting to Grade 6 and 9 students from the last school year (20/21) and Grade 6 and 9 students from this school year (21/22).

Our staff will follow COVID-19 safety processes when delivering immunizations and interacting with school staff and students. Prior to immunization, students will be sent home with a personalized consent form for immunization. Please review your child's immunization history on the consent form and if you have additional immunization records please submit them to public health at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](https://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform).

**For students in all other grades (includes grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 12)** – please check your child's immunization records and provide us with any missing immunization information required under the regulation, with the following guidance:

- You can use the online Vaccination Status Indicator Tool at <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator> to check if your child's immunization record is incomplete or missing. The Indicator tells you if your child's immunization record is on file with public health but does not provide any details about their immunization status or history. Health authority public health units already have immunization information on file for most children.
  - If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **up-to-date**, then you **do not need to take further action**.
  - If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **pending, no action is required at this time**. These records are in the process of being inputted into the system and may take some time to be entered.

- If the Vaccine Status Indicator shows that your child's immunization records are **incomplete**, this means either public health does not have your child's records or your child needs additional immunizations. If your child has been immunized by a health care provider outside of public health, particularly in the last 18 months, you need to contact those providers and ask for a copy of your child's immunization record. **Please follow the instructions below to submit these records to public health.**
- To report your child's immunization record you can submit it online at [fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform](http://fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform) or fax the record to your local public health unit. Be sure the record you are submitting has your child's full name, date of birth, sex, and personal health number (PHN) if the PHN is available. Records can also be provided to a community health nurse in a First Nations community.
- **If your child needs additional immunizations, please call your family doctor, a pharmacist or public health to book an appointment.**
- Visit [fraserhealth.ca/getimmunized](http://fraserhealth.ca/getimmunized) for a list of community vaccine providers.
- To book an appointment with public health, call:
  - 604-702-4906 (residents of Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Hope)
  - 604-476-7087 (residents in all other areas of Fraser Health)

Collecting immunization information allows us to connect with families about the importance of disease prevention. It also helps public health to control outbreaks by quickly identifying children who are not fully immunized and helps everyone get back to learning as soon as possible.

For more immunization information, please visit our website at [Fraserhealth.ca](http://Fraserhealth.ca) and search "child immunizations reporting".

Thank you for helping to keep our children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,



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# DAILY HEALTH CHECK

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	<p><b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	<p><b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.</p>
Loss of appetite	
Headache	<p><b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea and vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p><b>If yes:</b> All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to <a href="#">self-quarantine</a> for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders.</p> <p>This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the selfquarantine orders. Additional information is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p><b>If yes:</b> Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p> <p>You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca). If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

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