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January 7, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to welcoming our students safely back to school on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are committed to ensuring our students can continue to learn as safely as possible in-person by closely following all the measures put forth in the [updated provincial guidance for schools](#) that were issued in late December and our district's [communicable disease plan](#). These measures include continued mask wearing, [daily health checks](#), staying home when sick, a continued focus on hand washing, daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols, limiting visitors to schools, and not having spectators at our events.

Over the past year and a half, we have safely kept our school open for face-to-face instruction, and we are grateful for your continued support and vigilance in following our health and safety protocols.

Our district will also continue to engage with our local and provincial partners at Fraser Health and the Ministry of Education to monitor what is happening in schools. We will continue to follow their guidance.

Over the past week we have been reviewing our health and safety measures. We have also been planning for the possibility of a functional closure. A functional closure is when we cannot adequately supervise or instruct children. We often direct children home during snow days, power outages, water main breaks, and other unique circumstances. In this case, the situation could arise that due to staff illness, we have insufficient staff to provide safe supervision of children, or to provide instruction for an extended duration.

If this happens, students will need to move to a period of learning from home. This period is intended to be 7 days and materials and support for this time will be provided by the classroom teacher. We will also continue to safely offer our meal programs in a way that respects this period of home learning.

We recognize that any closure is stressful for our school community, and we appreciate the fact that any change in routines will cause disruption and inconvenience for many. We will aim to communicate the potential for a move to home learning as quickly as we can so families can plan accordingly.

Our hope is that we do not need to move to a place where students need to be learning from home, but we want to be prepared. Please ensure that we have your updated contact information, including your phone and email to ensure you receive all communications.

At Kwantlen Park Secondary we are making a number of changes to our daily practices and processes to protect the safety of our students and staff. Many of these will look similar to practices and processes that were in our school community at some time over the last year.

Each day you come to school, please be mindful of the following to help control the spread of the virus.

- **Masks** – all members of the school community, staff and students, are to wear a mask in the building at all times except when eating or drinking. Please ensure you are bringing masks from home as the office only has a limited supply, however, more are on the way. In the unlikely event a student arrives without a mask and the office is out of extra masks, students will be asked to go home to get a mask.
- **Hand Hygiene** – frequent hand washing or the use of hand sanitizer
- **Room Capacity** – please be aware that some rooms have room capacities listed outside and they are to be followed
- **Stairs** – stairwells will have **directional arrows posted**. The central stairs are going UP and the stairs in each wing are going DOWN.
- **Lockers** – students can still access their lockers during class time, **not during class change or at lunch**. This is to minimize the number of students stopping in the hallways when they are crowded
- **Daily Health Checks** – health checks are to be done each day before coming to school. The link for the health check is [BC K-12 Health Check](#) and is also posted on Instagram and the KP app. If you experience any of the symptoms, stay home. If you develop symptoms throughout the school day, you will need to head home.

#### Procedures for the day:

##### Mornings

- As students arrive at school, they are asked to go directly to their class. Teachers, will ensure that classroom doors are open by 8:10am to allow for students to come in so that there are no students in the hallways

##### Class Change/Between Blocks

- Students are to go directly from class to class, there is no stopping in the hallways. No lockers or washrooms are to be accessed at this time to minimize the number of students congregating.

##### Lunch

- Students will eat lunch in their second block class and then decide about staying in the classroom or heading outside for the remainder of the lunch hour. No students should be in the hallways during lunch. Lockers are not to be accessed at lunch.

##### Afterschool

- All students, once dismissed should be leaving the building directly after class. Only students under direct supervision of an adult will be in the building

## **Masks**

Masks are an integral part of the safety protocol for COVID-19 at this time. Under the public health order, everyone who is able to (i.e. does not have a mask exemption) must wear a mask. When layered with other recommended public health measures, a well-constructed, well-fitting and properly worn mask can help prevent your child and others from being exposed to COVID-19. No matter which type of mask your child is wearing, proper fit is a key factor in its effectiveness:

- Make sure the mask completely covers your child's nose, mouth and chin.
- Check for gaps between your child's face and the mask.
- Improve mask fit so it's snug and has no gaps

Students should come to school with two to three clean, well-fitting masks each day to ensure they have back-ups available at school. Also, please remind your child to maximize the distance between themselves and others even while wearing their mask, both indoors and outdoors.

## **COVID-19 Vaccines**

Vaccination is safe, highly effective, and the single most important preventive measure a person can take to protect themselves, their families and others from COVID-19. We encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mike Kilpatrick

Principal  
Kwantlen Park Secondary