

September 22, 2020

Dear Families,

As students settle into their new routines, I am writing to both share some information with you and to thank you for all you have done to support us in getting this unique school year successfully underway. We are deeply grateful for the support and insight shared by those in our school communities. Living in a pandemic is not the easiest of times for any one of us, and it is the kindness and encouragement that we give each other that helps us with each new challenge. It is a joy to have students back in schools and, in addition to updates, we will continue to share stories with you on our website (www.burnabyschools.ca) and on social media.

What Will Happen in the Event of a Positive COVID-19 Exposure

You have no doubt heard about positive exposures in other school districts in BC. Despite the best efforts of all, schools are a reflection of the community and we may unfortunately see some cases in our District. In Burnaby, we are ready and prepared to follow the process and protocols led by our local health authority, Fraser Health, in concert with the Ministries of Health and Education, and the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Here is the current protocol, as set by public health, in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school community:

- Fraser Health Authority will interview the impacted individual to initiate the contact tracing process.
- Fraser Health will determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- Fraser Health will determine what steps close contacts should take. This may include self-isolating or self-monitoring for symptoms for 14 days.
- Only Fraser Health can determine who is a close contact.
- The school district and Fraser Health will work together on a communications plan to let staff, students and their families know when there is a confirmed case at the school and if it impacts them.

Below this letter I have also included a flow chart that outlines the steps to be taken in response to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school. It can also be found on our website [here](#).

The key point to remember is that in the event of a positive case, Fraser Health will connect by either a phone call or letter directly with any individuals who may have been exposed providing further instructions. If you are contacted by Fraser Health please follow their advice carefully. And if you haven't yet come across this, I wanted to share with you that Fraser Health has created a website to track school exposures, which you can find [here](#). Should we have any exposures of COVID-19 in the Burnaby School District, they will also be listed there.

Health and Safety

Whether you are getting groceries, going to work, or dropping off your child at school, health and safety is at the top of each one of our minds. As a District, we are continuing to implement strict health and safety protocols and very much appreciate your continued support in:

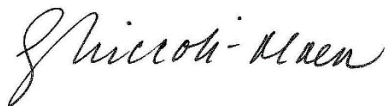
- reinforcing with your children the importance of proper hand, respiratory and personal hygiene,
- reinforcing the importance of physical distancing and modeling it yourself when you are on and around our school grounds,
- reinforcing proper use of masks, and
- assessing your child's health daily, keeping them home if they are ill.

Students and their families are asked to use the daily health check to determine if the student should attend school that day. Please note that it was recently updated, following new direction from the BC Centre for Disease Control. You can find the daily health check for students, including translations in multiple languages, [here](#) on our website.

We will undoubtedly be managing COVID-19 in our lives for some time. It remains essential that, as things continue to evolve, we remember who we are as a community. The safety and well-being of our entire community rests upon us all.

On behalf of the Burnaby School District, I sincerely thank you for all you do, as we work together to keep ourselves, each other, and our school communities safe. As always, please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

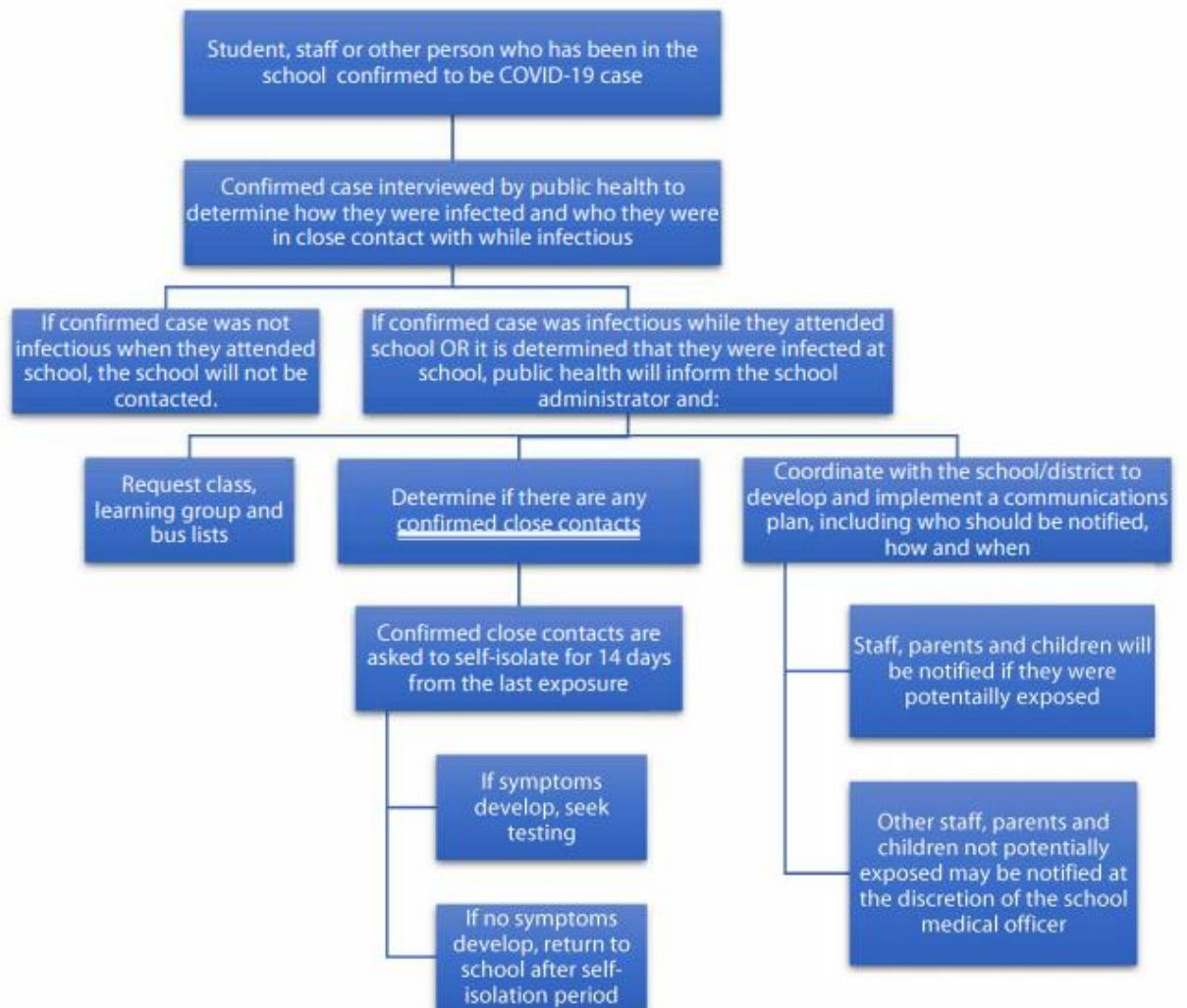


Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent

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<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p>	<p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p>	<p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p>
<p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p>	<p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p>	<p>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p>
<p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉੱਲੇਖਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ ।</p>	<p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
	<p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	

Flow chart provided by the Ministry of Education to all school districts in BC

Figure A: Public Health Actions in Response to Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in a School



*Confirmed close contacts are determined based on the length of time of exposure and nature of the interaction. **Only public health can determine who is a close contact.***