

August 27, 2021

Dear Families:

First, I would like to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year of learning in our Mission schools. We are all excited to be returning, seeing old friends and making new ones too!

As you have likely heard by now, revised health orders are in effect for schools in British Columbia. While there are links to the in-depth plan, here are the highlights:

- Masks are mandatory for grades 4-12 (exemptions still apply as last year)
- All students on buses will be expected to wear masks
- Enhanced cleaning, air handling HVAC alterations, and health checks continue
- Learning Group Cohorts no longer apply
- Sports, extra-curricular activities, theatre and dance performances, Staff gatherings and meetings may resume
- Volunteers may return to schools (with some restrictions on scale and activities)
- Covid notifications will continue in a similar fashion to last year
- Vaccine cards are not required to attend or visit a school; this does not include events held at school buildings
- Mission Public Schools will be working to facilitate vaccination clinics with Fraser Health for students 12+ that want them in the fall
- Events involving the public at schools are likely to still be restricted

There will be many details to work through in the coming weeks. But broadly, schools will be more 'near normal' than they have been last year. That said, schools are committed to being safe places and will err on the side of caution as necessary. For further details on the provincial plan, please see:

[Back to K-12 School: What you need to know](#)

[K-12 Education Recovery Plan](#) and [K-12 Covid19 Health & Safety Guidelines](#)

Further, all of this is subject to change provincially, regionally, or locally as the year unfolds. If you have any questions, reach out to me at [angus.wilson@mpsd.ca](mailto:angus.wilson@mpsd.ca). We know that school is important for students and our goal remains to provide an engaging learning environment while prioritizing appropriate health and safety measures. We are looking forward to a positive and safe year ahead and are excited to see students again. Please take care and enjoy the last week of the summer break!

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson

Superintendent of Schools