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Good Morning SD58 Parents and Guardians:

September 7, 2020

We want to let you know that we are looking forward to the return of students on September 10th. We also want to remind you that if you have any questions about the return to school or need support, Principals are available all next week.

We have been hard at work preparing for the return of your children. Health and Safety planning has been our priority in ensuring that we can make our school communities as safe as possible. We continue to follow the direction of our Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Education. Principals and Vice Principals have worked hard to develop school level protocols, including the organization of Learning Groups within our schools. Your help in maintaining our protocols with Home Health Checks and regular student reminders around wearing masks when needed and social distancing whenever possible, will be important. To help you do this, we have attached the Home Health Check information for your review, and we will have masks available for students when they arrive at school if needed.

Your school has or will be sending you specific information around the schedule and expectations for students' return next Thursday. In that information should be details about times to drop off and school entrances, as well as reminders about having a mask if required, a water bottle, and individual school supplies. Please also be reminded that microwaves and water fountains will not be available, so snacks and lunches should be prepared with that in mind.

Some important routines will be new for students, and we will be spending a great deal of time teaching and supporting them with what will be expected. We hope you will help us in doing this from home by talking to them at the end of the day about what they have learned and reminding them of what is needed at the start of each school day.

We know that both staff and students are both anxious and looking forward to returning to school. We are pleased that so many of you have indicated you are coming back and we are confident that we will be ready for September 10th. Our staff will work hard to reassure your children if they have any worries at school, as we take their physical and mental wellness extremely seriously. Please reach out if you feel that any additional supports are needed. Remember to continue to visit our website for our most recent communication and up to date health and safety protocols.

https://www.sd58.bc.ca/?page_id=11396&page_id=11396

Respectfully,

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Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools

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COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment for Parents, Caregivers and Students



August 19, 2020

A health assessment **must** be completed by all parents and caregivers before sending their child to school.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

1. If you have answered “Yes” to any of the above questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.
2. If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8- 1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.
3. If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.
4. Your child should return to school only when their symptoms have subsided or they have been cleared to do so by your family physician.