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Good afternoon SD58 Families,

We are writing to you today to follow up with further information regarding the emergence of the more transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19.

**The BC CDC recently updated its guidelines for community and students. The full detail of that information is found here at their own site.**

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

**More specific information around contact and isolation times can be found here.**

<http://www.bccdc.ca/schools>

**Based on the current updates, please note the following:**

- Students do not need to isolate themselves if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, and they show no symptoms
- If a vaccinated individual tests positive they should isolate for 5 days from the date of first showing symptoms or their positive test
- If a non-vaccinated individual tests positive they should isolate for 10 days from the date of first showing symptoms or their positive test

We know everyone is heightened and cautious during this time and we would remind everyone to continue to follow the basic protocols of handwashing, social distancing and mask wearing as advised by the PHO (Provincial Health Officer).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jameel Aziz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jameel Aziz  
Assistant Superintendent