

September 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Important Updates from the Superintendent's Office

Thank you to the 1,000+ attendees who joined us for our virtual town hall today. We hope you found the town hall informative. The questions asked were based on emails we had received from our NVSD community of parents and guardians.

We have also taken many of the questions we had received and answered them by adding them to our [Back-to-School FAQ](#). Be sure to bookmark the site, as information is added and updated often.

For those of you who could not attend the town hall, a recording of the event will be posted on our District [website](#) shortly.

Further to our [welcome back message](#) sent to families on September 8th, 2020, we are pleased to share additional information with you to support a safe and healthy return to school.

Daily Health Check

Families are responsible for assessing their child *daily* for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. **If a child has any symptoms, they must not go to school.** They should stay home and seek care and/or assessment by a healthcare provider. This could include contacting 8-1-1, a primary care provider or nurse practitioner.

To assist you in the daily assessment of your child's health, the North Vancouver School District has posted a [Daily Health Checklist](#), which is based off the [BCCDC Health Check](#) (see page 16). The Daily Health Checklist can be printed at home for you to use to assess your child. This is a personal review of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. It is not necessary to submit this checklist to your child's school.

We are also asking families to complete a one-time acknowledgement of your understanding of your responsibility to do a daily health check of your child(ren). This acknowledgement will be completed through the [School Cash Online](#) system, which many of you would have already used to complete school district permission forms online.

You will receive an automated NVSD email notifying you when the acknowledgement form has been added to your School Cash Online account. Instructions on how to create an account on School Cash Online can be found [HERE](#).

Back-to-School Fact Sheet

The Ministry of Education has created a [Back-to-School Fact Sheet](#) for families. It answers many common questions around:

- Staying home when sick
- The daily health check
- Learning groups
- Wearing masks at school
- What happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19

A copy of this fact sheet can also be found on our [Back-to-School FAQ](#) web page.

Walk or Roll to and from School

The North Vancouver School District encourages students and families to get to and from school in safe and active ways, such as walking, cycling and scootering. This year, we're excited to share a [VIDEO](#) we made in cooperation with our partners ICBC, the North Vancouver RCMP, the City of North Vancouver and District of North Vancouver.

Take some time this week to plan and practice a safe route to school. By making walking or rolling to and from school part of your child's routine, you can be sure that they will enjoy many benefits, such as:

- Arriving at school energized and ready to learn
- Improved mood and concentration
- Better physical fitness and sleep
- Familiarizing themselves with their neighbourhood
- Building connections with members of the community



For more information, please visit our [Walk/Roll to School](#) web page.

We wish you all a safe and healthy return to school. We're excited to welcome our students back this week.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools

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