

September 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you again to the 1,000+ attendees who joined us for our virtual town hall on Wednesday, September 9th.

A link to the recording is now available [HERE](#).

The questions Superintendent Mark Pearmain asked Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health, were taken from emails members of the community had sent to us in advance of the town hall.

For your convenience, we have included a summary of the questions asked/what was discussed, and at what point in the town hall (approximate times):

- (5:00) Where should we go for information on COVID-19, specifically for BC and North Vancouver?
- (9:00) Why is it safe to return to schools now vs. in March?
- (11:00) What number of new cases or active cases would lead the Provincial Health Officer to move from Stage 2 to Stage 3 in the school system?
- (14:00) What is the process a family should follow when their child shows symptoms of a cold? Do the sniffles require the child to stay home?
- The questions above were followed up with:
 - What do families do if they have multiple children? If one child is sick, can the other go to school?
 - What will happen to my child's learning during the period they are required to be at home?
- (19:00) Will testing be available for children under 10 via drive-thru testing sites on the North Shore and across the Lower Mainland?
- (23:00) Could you explain what contact tracing is, what form it takes, and how quickly families will learn the results?
- (26:00) Could you talk about what learning groups are and what happens if someone tests positive for COVID-19?



- (30:00) How much communication will be shared with families if someone has COVID-19? Could you comment on the process?
- (35:00) A discussion around masks begins here.
- (36:00) Why aren't masks mandatory in schools?
- (40:00) What is the proper way of putting on a mask and keeping a mask clean?
- (43:00) What is the proper storage of masks?
- (44:00) Should all children who are immunocompromised not attend in-person learning?
- (47:00) What are some strategies for families who want to maintain relationships with senior and elders?
- (50:00) How does a family reassure others in the community that if their child sneezes it is because of seasonal allergies vs. COVID-19?

As a reminder, we will continue to add commonly asked questions to our [Back-to-School FAQ](#). Be sure to bookmark the site, as information is added and updated often.

Keep well,

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