

November 30, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, November 29, the [Province extended the temporary restrictions](#) limiting non-essential travel and vehicle fuel purchases (gas and diesel) for non-essential vehicles until the end of the day on December 14, 2021. As was the case when the restrictions were first announced, this decision was made to ensure the continued movement of essential goods and services while parts of coastal and southwestern B.C. recover from severe flooding.

The provincial government is asking British Columbians to continue to do their part to heed these temporary restrictions. The North Vancouver School District will also continue to take the measures needed to reduce vehicle fuel usage to the greatest extent possible, while keeping students and staff safe and maintaining access to in-person instruction and educational continuity (**i.e. schools and school district sites will remain open**).

Further to our [November 22, 2021](#) update and until the end of the day on December 14, 2021:

- Students and staff will continue to come to school. District staff not assigned in schools will work with their supervisor to discuss remote work options.
- Staff and students are encouraged to carpool, use public transit or alternate means of transportation, where possible.
- All non-essential travel both within and outside the school district is to be deferred, if possible. If travel is deemed essential, participants should consider carpooling, public transportation and alternate means of transportation.
 - Non-essential, face-to-face meetings should be held virtually.
 - Events that require travel should be deferred, or held virtually.
 - Field trips that are local or within walking distance can continue, but those that require travel should be deferred.
 - Sporting activities can continue, but we ask coaches to encourage carpooling.

School buses and school district maintenance vehicles and fleet cars are not subject to the fuel restrictions at this time. They will continue to access gas at either commercial cardlock stations or retail gas stations.

You can expect to hear from the school district before December 14, and as updates are made available from the provincial government. You can also expect the school district to be able to respond to any emergent issues as required. In the interim, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage reach out to your school principal.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in support of students, staff and the greater community.

With appreciation,

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

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools