

February 8, 2021



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On February 4th, 2021 the Provincial Health Office provided school districts with an update to the [safety measures](#) we have been following since the start of school last September. A number of areas have been refined based on both provincial and international studies of what is working and what else we can do.

Following are a number of areas we are currently working on:

- A requirement for all K-12 staff and Grade 8-12 students to wear masks indoors unless they are at their desk or workstation, behind a barrier, or eating or drinking.
- Renewed focus on reducing crowding and gatherings and increasing physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Enhancing guidelines for music and physical education classes.
- Implementing directions related to staff to staff interactions in the school.

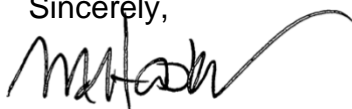
Please continue to consider the ways you can support your children and our safe school environment:

- Complete a daily health check and do not send children to school with any signs or symptoms. See the new app available at [Daily Health Check](#).
- Talk to your children about the guidelines in their school and how they are working to meet them.
- Use bus transportation for getting students to school only when alternate means are not available.
- At the secondary level (RSS) support your student's efforts to leave the school for lunch to reduce indoor contact.

As always please connect with your school principal or me directly (mhooker@sd19.bc.ca) with ideas, questions, or concerns.

For further information, you can find all of our links on our website at <https://www.sd19.bc.ca/COVID-19-information/>.

Sincerely,



Mike Hooker
Superintendent of Schools