

UPDATED

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (REVELSTOKE)

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Mike Hooker, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: March 16th, 2022

ACTION: Vaccination Policy – Updated on March 15th, 2022



As trustees are aware our vaccination policy was originally set to be in place on April 1st, 2022. On March 15th, 2022, the BC Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA) provided an update regarding the potential impact the changes may have on district vaccination policies and highlighted four main areas:

- proof of vaccination will no longer be required under public health order to access businesses, events and services; however, individual businesses /employers and event organizers can choose to continue requiring proof of vaccination for entry;
- businesses will no longer need a COVID19 safety plan; they must follow communicable disease guidance from WorkSafeBC;
- proof of vaccination will no longer be required for post-secondary student housing;
- recent statements from the Provincial Health Office have also indicated that plans to require all health professionals to be vaccinated to continue working have been rescinded.

They advise that school districts should be mindful of the evolving public health information and local context when considering how to proceed with vaccination policies. Considering the high rates of vaccination reported in Revelstoke and the advice from BCPSEA, it would be appropriate to delay further work on such a policy for our staff.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education indefinitely defer the Vaccination Policy motion passed at the January 11th, 2022 Closed Board Meeting.”