



KILLARNEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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Good afternoon Killarney community/families,

I wish to share some details with you about how we are preparing to welcome all students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you know, the Vancouver District and Killarney Secondary have worked closely with our public health officials and carefully followed their guidance since the beginning of the pandemic. The health, safety and well-being of students, you as families and staff remains our priority.

Here at Killarney, we have implemented health and safety measures as advised by public health, and carefully followed the [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission in schools. A few of these measures include:

- Purchased and distributed reusable [masks](#) and three-ply disposable masks for all staff and students
- Updated and modified [ventilation systems](#) to upgrade filters and maximize air exchange
- Ensured frequent and regular cleaning including daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Reminded staff and students to conduct daily self-health checks and to stay home if ill
- Limited visitor access to schools
- Upgraded taps and installed new sinks and hand sanitization stations
- Shared information with students and staff in our school about hand and respiratory hygiene, proper mask use and spacing out as much as possible.

This past week staff at Killarney have taken time to review our health and safety measures and I want to highlight some key items for you as we prepare for Monday:

- All entrances and exits to the building will be open to ease the congestion at any location.
- Students will be asked to spread out as much as possible inside the school and respect the personal space of others. Occupancy limits of common spaces have been reduced.
- At this time, only students who are purchasing their lunches should eat in the cafeteria. Finding other spaces to eat (ex. outside of their locker, in the gym balconies) where distancing is more easily accomplished is encouraged. During better weather, students should look to be outside as much as possible.
- Students without any school business (athletics, clubs, rehearsals, classwork etc.) will be asked to leave the building right after school.
- At this time, and until further notice, we are not able to have spectators at extra-curricular events (ex. performances and athletic games). We look forward to having you back at a later date.

It is possible that at some point, a school may need to temporarily close because of the impacts of the Omicron variant. While we hope that there will not be a need for a temporary functional closure, we want to ensure we support everyone who is impacted during such a time.

This week, staff spent time planning how to respond should the school need to temporarily close in the coming weeks. The decision will be made by the District and will only occur if there is a shortage of available staff, due to illness, and we are unable to keep the school open for in-person learning and safely supervise students. In the event of a functional closure we will notify families as soon as possible. During a functional closure, we will shift to providing remote learning opportunities for students to ensure continuity of learning and course completion. Also, as we did this week, we will make every effort to continue to provide in-person support during a functional closure for students with additional needs, such as students with special needs and children of essential workers.

We know these days are challenging in many ways. You can continue to count on us to keep you informed and do everything we can to meet students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact me. We look forward to welcoming your children back to Killarney as together we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Gill".

Kal Gill, Principal