



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

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Dear students, families, and staff;

As we near the end of our first term of school, we would like to thank everyone for their efforts and support in keeping our schools safe. By following the health and safety protocols and guidelines in place at each site, our schools have remained open and provided uninterrupted learning for our children. Below are the preventative measures that we all must continue to practice in order to keep our schools safe:

- Complete the daily health check to monitor for key symptoms of illness before your child leaves for school
- Maintain physical distancing in high traffic areas and in common areas (such as school entrances during drop off and pick times)
- Practice hand hygiene
- Practice respiratory etiquette
- Wear masks in high traffic areas and in common areas in school

We all play an important role in keeping our schools and each other safe. The Provincial Health Officer has put in new Province-wide restrictions until January 8, 2021 to keep our communities safe and to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Given the rise in numbers of confirmed cases, it will be important for all of us to follow these restrictions as we head into our winter break:

- In-person events and community-based gatherings are suspended.
- No social gatherings of any size at your residence with anyone other than your household or core bubble.
- High-intensity group physical activities are suspended.
- Travel to, from and in between communities for team athletic activities like games competitions, training and practice is prohibited.
- Masks are required in many indoor public settings and all retail stores.
- All non-essential travel should be avoided.

If you have any questions or require more information, please visit the [PHO's Province-wide restrictions webpage](#).

These have been challenging times for our communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with your school principal. We are here to support our families and committed to working together to ensure that our schools remain as safe as possible. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority.

On behalf of School District 64, we wish all of you a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Please take good care and see you all in the New Year.

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