



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

March 12, 2020

To: All Parents, Caregivers and Families of the Peace River South School District (SD 59)

Re: International Travel over Spring Break

Spring Break is starting this weekend and many of you will be taking this opportunity to travel both near and far. With the situation around the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continuing to change, we want to take this opportunity to provide information to students, families and staff who may be traveling out of the country over the break.

School District No. 59 is communicating closely with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Northern Health Authority regarding the outbreak of the COVID-19. We are monitoring the situation and adhering to the recommendations of our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Ministries of Health and Education and the Government of Canada.

If your travel plans include any of the countries which currently have a 'Level 3' travel health notice from the Government of Canada (China (Hubai Province), Iran, Italy) **we will be reinforcing the recommendation of the 14-day self-isolation and ask that you or your child not come to school.** We will do our best to ensure that support or materials can be provided to you if this is the situation.

If you are traveling to other countries, we ask that you monitor the Government of Canada travel health advisories. Please monitor yourself or any of your family members for signs of cough, fever, or difficulty breathing. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, we ask that you or your child stay home from school and you call your health care provider or call the provincial health line (HealthLinkBC/8-1-1) to discuss the need for any testing or follow up.

If you are traveling, as the situation continues to change, please monitor the Government of Canada travel advisories for any updates. There may also be additional recommendations or announcements from the Provincial Health Officer and the provincial and federal governments. We hope that you will be in conversation with your principal regarding your travel plans in order for us to ensure the safety of all our students and support you, or your families, if a need arises.

As a school community we are adjusting the cleaning of our schools as recommended and will continue to teach and reinforce good handwashing and respiratory etiquette as classes resume after the break. Please continue to do your part and reinforce this behaviour during this time off.

I have included a list of resources below for you to help with your monitoring of this ongoing situation. This includes a link to the School District No. 59 website.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

Candace Clouthier
Superintendent

Resources:

School District No. 59
<https://www.sd59.bc.ca/>

Government of Canada Travel Health Notices:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice>

Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisories:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

Kids and COVID-19 a resource:
[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)#For--schools--and--childcare](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel)#For--schools--and--childcare)

CBC Kids and Provincial Health Officer video on COVID-19:
<https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/watch-coronavirus-facts-versus-fiction>

BC Centre for Disease Control COVID-19:
[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))

COVID-19 Q&A from HealthLinkBC:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus>