

## **Immaculate Conception School**

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Dear Parents.

On March 10, 2022, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced that at 12:01 am on March 11, British Columbia's indoor mask order is being repealed. Face coverings will be optional for individuals in all indoor public settings.

Upon our return on March 28, 2022, after Spring Break, masks will no longer be required for staff, students and visitors. Below is a summary of changes to be expected:

- Space Arrangement: Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches. Schools should still consider strategies to create space between people.
- School Gatherings and Events: For events with visitors (e.g., parent/caregiver spectators):
  - o Should not exceed 50% capacity and proof of vaccination should not be implemented.
  - o Can return to 100% capacity when the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is lifted (expected end of day April 7, 2022).
- Personal Protective Equipment: The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice. A family's choice will be supported and respected. Our school will continue to have non-medical masks on hand for those who have forgotten theirs but would like to wear one.

Please refer to the <u>Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings</u> for more detailed information.

Parents are encouraged to continue monitoring their children for any symptoms of COVID-19, and to keep their children home if they exhibit any symptoms. Our school will continue to reinforce hand hygiene for all students.

We are encouraged by the easing of restrictions, and we want to thank our school community for being respectful and compliant with the provincial mandates over the past two years. This has been an extremely trying time in the realm of education and we want to thank our families for your respect and understanding as we complied and will continue to comply with all ministry mandates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email <a href="mailto:kbarth@cispg.ca">kbarth@cispg.ca</a> or at the school 250.964.4362.

On behalf of our staff, we want to wish our school families a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. We look forward to seeing you all on March 28, 2022, as we begin our third term of the year.

Blessings,

Mrs. K. Barth Principal