



March 10, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, the COVID-19 outbreak has continued to impact countries around the world with a rising number of confirmed cases. Given this evolving situation, we wanted to send an update to parents and staff on the current situation, including how it could potentially impact the many families who are looking forward to travelling this spring break.

Understandably, there is a good deal of concern with respect to international travel, including educational tours and personal vacations. Regarding out-of-province travel, public health officials are advising the public to reference the Government of Canada [travel advisory website](#) to inform decision making regarding upcoming travel. Situations are changing quickly, so please check the Government of Canada link provided above. If you are travelling, please be aware of any procedure, protocol or potential quarantine that may occur pending return.

We will continue to work closely and take direction from our provincial health experts at the Ministry of Health and Interior Health to ensure the continued safety and well-being of students and staff. For more information on COVID-19, including ways to reduce your risk of infection, please refer to following resources:

- [Novel Coronavirus Q & A from HealthLinkBC](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [Government of Canada Travel Health Notice](#)

Wishing you all a safe and restful spring break!

Chris van der Mark
Superintendent of Schools

CVDM/cp