

December 16, 2021

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ਇਸ ਈਮੇਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ।  
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ।

يحتوي هذا المستند على معلومات مهمة حول مدرسة طفلك. يرجى ترجمته.

매우 중요한 공지문이니, 반드시 번역하여 내용을 숙지하십시오.

Hãy dịch nó sang tiếng Việt. Đây là một thông báo quan trọng.

Este documento contiene información importante sobre la escuela de su hijo/hija. Háganlo traducir por favor.

Dear Abbotsford School District families,

Throughout the year, we have made significant efforts to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 by following the health and safety plans we established in [Toti:ltcha](#). For many of us, this has been a very challenging fall. The historic flooding in our community and resultant damage exacerbated what was already a trying time with the pandemic. Yet, we remained focused on our mission, and I am forever grateful to those who have helped us to paint a picture of a brighter tomorrow, bringing joy and connection to our students during these times.

### COVID-19 Notifications

As some of you will have experienced, we continue to have COVID-19 exposures in our school district this year. This is to be expected, as COVID-19 is present in our community. Fraser Health has communicated that they will continue to send our district COVID-19 notices over the winter break. While general school-wide notices are no longer issued this year, all families will have direct access to [Fraser Health's School Exposure dashboard](#) via your school website. Families can also expect a copy of a Self-monitoring or Self-isolation letter should it be issued for your child.

### Vaccinations for 5-11 Year Old Children

As [announced by the Province in November](#), children five to 11 years old are now eligible to access Pfizer's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine. More information, including how to book an appointment, is [available on Fraser Health's website](#).

### International Travel

On December 15, 2021, due to the spread of the Omicron Variant, the Public Health Agency of Canada issued a [global travel advisory](#), advising travellers, regardless of their vaccination status, to avoid non-essential travel internationally.

Many foreign governments are implementing strict travel restrictions due to the spread of the Omicron variant, and international transportation options may be limited. As a result, you may have difficulty returning to Canada or may have to remain abroad for an indeterminate period.

Local authorities abroad may impose control measures suddenly, including movement restrictions such as lockdowns. In some countries, you may have limited access to timely and appropriate health care should you become ill.

If you must travel, monitor and review Canada's [entry requirements](#) before and during your trip as arrival back into Canada could be severely restricted due to this variant of concern.

### **A Note of Gratitude**

As 2021 comes to a close, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our entire Abbotsford School District community – our staff, our students, our families, and our community partners. I continue to be incredibly proud of how our students have continued their learning, community service, and leadership; and how our staff and educators have risen to our new challenges with compassion, resolve and patience.

Please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones over the winter break. We look forward to seeing your child back in our hallways in the new year on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Godden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Kevin Godden  
Superintendent of Schools