



## School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

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December 30, 2021

Dear Comox Valley Schools Families,

On December 29, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced that the resumption of all K-12 classes in B.C. will occur in a phased approach with all students returning to regular instruction on Monday, January 10th.

As of January 4, schools will be open for students with special circumstances and particular needs. Students with diverse learning needs and children of essential service workers will be able to access schools for meaningful activities during school hours. We ask that if your child falls into one of these categories, to please contact your school principal to indicate your intention.

Buses will run Tuesday for those students mentioned above and we will re-evaluate transport needs early next week. We will be ensuring buses that support students with diverse needs will be operating. We will be posting more information on busing schedules later next week.

Employees of Comox Valley Schools will be returning to work on Tuesday, January 4. They will be using this time to implement changes to health and safety protocols, and to plan for continuation of learning as we learn more about the impacts of the Omicron variant in our communities and schools

Strong Start programs will not be available for the week of January 4-8. However, most childcare providers at schools will be operating, so be sure to check on their status with the provider at your school.

If your child is feeling unwell or experiencing any sickness related symptoms, do not send them to school. As we have done all year, please ensure you are conducting daily health checks.

As per the [reminder we sent to families](#) heading into the holidays, if you have travelled out of country, please familiarize yourself with the federal rules and regulations surrounding cross border travel. Anyone who travelled out of country and is not fully vaccinated, cannot attend a school setting for 14 days after re-entering Canada.

Comox Valley Schools is committed to maintaining healthy schools for all students, staff and visitors. We continue to work in step with public health and we need your support to keep our schools safe. More information will be coming next week.

Thank you for helping keep our schools safe and healthy for 2022.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Demeo', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tom Demeo  
Superintendent of Schools  
School District 71 (Comox Valley)