



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Greeting Sacred Heart Catholic School families,

Re: Phased restart of school based on recent Public Health Officer (PHO) announcement

Happy New Year! Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the announcement that was made Wednesday, December 29, 2021. In case you didn't hear it, Dr. Bonnie Henry, our Provincial Health Officer, announced that all K-12 schools will have a phased reopen approach.

In accordance with this revised order from the PHO, our school will be open to in-person learning on **Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022** for *health and health services workers* (Page 2 of this letter has a list of what qualifies as a health and health services worker). Students with exceptional needs are also able to return this day.

Childcare facilities owned and operated by our school will also be open on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

On **Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>**, students of all *essential service working families* will be able to attend to in-person learning. (A document with a list of what qualifies as essential service work has been emailed to you).

Schools will be open to the rest of the community on **Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Buses will not be running as usual. Please contact the bus garage if you require more information.

After school care will not run as usual. If you require after school care, please contact Mrs. Vanessa Fer as soon as possible.

Parents, who are health and health service workers (or have children with exceptional needs) should contact our school office if their child(ren) will be in attendance on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Our staff will be able to make appropriate supervision plans once we know which students are returning each day.

The CISKD Communicable Disease Prevention Plan has been updated. This document will be available on the school website soon. We have also emailed this document to our school community.

If you have **any questions or concerns**, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Yours in Christ,

*Vanessa Fer*

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### **Health and Health Services**

#### 1. Direct-to-public Health Services

- a) All health care services, including acute care (hospitals), secondary care / long-term care, coroners services, health care providers working within and outside an acute care setting and other health services including public health, detox facilities, safe-injection sites, COVID-19 testing, clinical research supporting the COVID-19 response, blood/plasma donation services, and emergency pre-hospitalization services;
- b) Other health services and caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, mental health and substance use workers including peer support workers, speech pathologists, diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists, counselors, chiropractors, naturopaths, dentists, crisis centres, outreach workers, overdose and harm reduction services, meal programs);
- c) Health first responders (paramedics);

#### 2. Health Service Providers

- a) Pharmaceutical production, medical laboratories/research, medical testing, pharmacies, medical supply and equipment manufacturers, wholesale, distribution and stores; and analytical testing labs, related to testing of finished product for pathogens and contaminants;
- b) Safety supply (e.g. work clothes, Personal Protective Equipment, medical/pharmaceutical/ laboratory supplies, etc.) stores, manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators;
- c) Medical wholesale and distribution;
- d) Health plans, billing, and health information;