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Dear SD50 Parents and Guardians:

On March 29th, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced increased measures to keep British Columbians safe.

As part of those measures, Dr. Henry announced an expanded mask mandate:

All students in Grade 4 to 12 are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses – both within and outside of their learning group.

Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors and on school buses, but are not required to do so – mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for these students, and their choices must be respected.

Students will be able to remove their masks while outside, including at recess and while learning outside. As the weather improves, teachers will continue to look for opportunities to move their classes outside.

Schools will have disposable masks available if students forget their mask. Please click the following links for a video and poster containing a reminder of how to wear a face mask.

How to wear a mask video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvLA--hGU70...>

How to wear a mask poster: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19_SurgicalMaskPoster.pdf

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