



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (HAIDA GWAI)**

**To:** Families and Staff  
**From:** Superintendent, Carey Stewart  
**Date:** August 25, 2021  
**Subject:** **Back To School Protocols For K-12**

Dear Families and Staff:

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the 2021/2022 Return to School Plan.

At a glance, students and staff will be in the classroom full time with updated health and safety measures. All K to 12 staff, students in Grades 4-12, and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including at their desk and on school buses. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask in school and on school buses, but are not required to do so. Mask wearing remains a personal or family/caregiver choice for K-Grade 3 students. Some exceptions to mask wearing are outlined in the Covid-19 Safe Schools provincial health guidelines.

As per the provincial requirements, School District 50 is currently developing the District's Communicable Disease Prevention Plan to reflect the recent updates. This document will be available on the district website, <http://sd50.bc.ca/>, on August 31, 2021.

We are grateful for the courage, hard work and contributions of our School District learners and classroom educational leaders, who continue to lead a path to the overall health and well-being of our communities.

For full details visit the Government of BC's website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

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