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Date: February 6, 2021

BCCA FAMILIES,

You may have heard from the BC government briefing last Thursday that there will be a slight change to the mask policy in Middle and High Schools throughout BC which will commence immediately. This policy only applies to Middle and HS Campuses. The government clearly stated that if schools have a K-7 program in the same building, this new mask policy does NOT apply to this group. This new policy only applies to those schools/ school districts which have middle and high school campuses.

Below is the official wording of the new mask policy:

"All middle and secondary students and K-12 staff will now be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are with their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- *sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom;*
- *there is a barrier in place; or*
- *they are eating or drinking.*

Prior to these changes, masks were required for middle and secondary students and all K-12 staff in high-traffic areas, like hallways and outside of classrooms or learning groups when they could not safely distance from others.

For elementary students, wearing masks indoors remains a personal choice. These updates are part of ongoing work of the provincial education steering committee and are in alignment with provincial health updates. Updated guidelines for the child care sector will be made available in the coming week.

Guidelines have also been strengthened for physical education and music classes. High-intensity physical activities are to be held outside as much as possible. Shared equipment or items, such as weight machines, treadmills or musical instruments, can be used only if they are cleaned between use, according to strict school sanitization guidelines. Students using equipment or playing instruments should also be spaced at least two metres apart and masks are to be used when singing."

We are thankful that Covid exposures and transmissions in K-12 schools still remain extremely low. This is attributed to the strong Health and Safety Protocols which are required to be followed daily by schools.

At BCCA, we still are able to report that there have not been any Covid within our school since the Christmas break!

On behalf of the BCCA Leadership Team and Staff, we want to thank our parents and students for doing their best to follow the Health and Safety Protocols to keep our community safe.

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With the new vaccines rolling out at an increased pace this coming spring, let's pray that we will reach a herd immunity rate before we open our doors in September 2021, where we can once again enjoy the many expressions we miss seeing behind our masks these days --- as well as the many "high 5s" and hugs!

If you have any questions or comments regarding our Covid Procedures and Safety Protocols, please contact myself at ijarvie@bccaschool.ca or your campus principals.

God Bless!

In His Service,

With warm regards,



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