

# QJS Return to School Jan. 7, 2022

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## January 2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL

We are ready to have students in our building, and plan to have a virtual assembly on Monday morning to review key aspects of the safety plans with students. The new variant is extremely transmissible and people can get sick much more easily. It is very important that students take the safety measures, that are in place, seriously in order to keep themselves and other as safe as possible. Families are taking the precautions they feel necessary regarding their own children, and we are as prepared as we can be here at the school.

### KEY SAFETY MEASURES:

- Daily Health Check – stay home if you are unwell  
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- Mask – covering nose, mouth, and chin when indoors
- Hand Hygiene – wash or sanitize hands frequently
- Maintain Physical Distance – Reduce Congestion or Crowding

## **KEY CHANGES TO QJS SAFETY MEASURES**

- Locker Access – to reduce hallway congestion students access lockers before school, at lunch and end of day (and with teacher permission at other times)
- Limit Hallway time – students enter/exit at nearest doors whenever possible
- Max. 4 students in bathrooms

## **FUNCTIONAL CLOSURES:**

Functional Closures A functional closure of a school is the temporary closure of a school determined by a school district due to a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high number of staff or certain employees away who are required for a school to function, and the inability to temporarily replace them.

In case we need to close classes or the school for a limited time (5-8 days) we have created Continuity of Learning plans which we will share with families and students this week.

**COMMUNICATION:** we may have to communicate rapidly with families so watch closely for messages and information

- SD28 Facebook page and website [www.sd28.bc.ca](http://www.sd28.bc.ca)
- School Emails direct to you (like this newsletter)
- QJS Facebook page and website [www.qjs.sd28.bc.ca](http://www.qjs.sd28.bc.ca)

Recent public health guidance recommends those who test positive for COVID-19 notify those whom they live with. While those who test positive do not need to notify the school or others at school, individuals may still contact a school for this purpose. To protect personal privacy, schools cannot release individual contact information for the purpose of an

individual (staff, student or parent/caregiver) seeking to notifying others of their test result. Schools should also not notify others on an individual's behalf.

- Anyone who has tested positive using a rapid test<sup>3</sup> should complete the online reporting tool provided by public health, and provide all school-related information requested.

- Public health does not require students or staff to notify our school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or to notify other individuals at school.

- To protect personal privacy, we are unable to provide personal contact information for the purpose of notifying others of a test result.

- We continue to follow public health guidance, including monitoring school absenteeism to help determine if there may be increased school-associated COVID-19 activity.

## **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

We recognize these weeks are stressful and worrisome for most people. QJS staff will continue to work to provide a positive, safe, engaging learning environment for students. Students at school want to enjoy their day, be with friends, and participate in a meaningful school life; these are their memories of their youth.

We would like these to be good memories and work to make this happen.

We will send out another message soon with more general school information.

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

| KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS                                                                                                     | WHAT TO DO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fever (above 38°C)<br>Chills<br>Cough<br>Difficulty breathing<br>Loss of sense of smell or taste                            | <b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b><br>Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| OTHER SYMPTOMS                                                                                                              | WHAT TO DO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sore throat<br>Loss of appetite<br>Headache<br>Body aches<br>Extreme fatigue or tiredness<br>Nausea or vomiting<br>Diarrhea | <b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b><br>Stay home until you feel better.<br><br><b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b><br>Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.                                                                                                                                             |
| INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:                                                                                                       | WHAT TO DO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?                                                           | <b>If yes:</b><br>Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the <a href="#">fully vaccinated traveller exemption</a> .<br><br>Students, staff and other adults who are not <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> and have travelled outside of Canada <b>CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival</b> , as part of <a href="#">federal requirements</a> . |
| CLOSE CONTACT                                                                                                               | WHAT TO DO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?                | <b>If yes:</b><br>Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

# **PAC UPDATE: Virtual MEETING**

**Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022 7:00**

**Join us in the Google MEETING by clicking the link**

<https://meet.google.com/fci-jxqs-xow?hs=122&authuser=0>

## **2021-2022 Executive:**

**Melissa Pollock- President**

**Kellie Olsen- Vice President**

**Melissa Gonzales- Secretary**

**Shawna Mckenzie- Treasurer**



**New PAC email address - [PACatQJS@gmail.com](mailto:PACatQJS@gmail.com)**

**To get more information you can visit the QJS Parent Advisory Council Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/QJS-Parent-Advisory-Council-PAC-107601454861758>**



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## **NEW: IN THE PARENT'S CORNER** **Information for Parents**

*\*Here we post some links and information we hope you find helpful.*

### **Grade 9 Vaccinations – Week of Jan 24-27**

Parents or Legal Guardians of the Grade 9 students will be receiving a phone call late December to early January to obtain consent for students routine Immunizations ; **TDAP vaccine** which protects against 3 diseases; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) **Meningococcal quadrivalent vaccine**. This vaccine protects against infections from 4 types of meningococcal bacteria. Primary Care Nurses will be coming to the school at the end of January - dates TBA to administer immunizations. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Community Health Unit at 250-983-6850.

**Students will NOT be offered COVID-19 vaccines during these clinics.**



**Let us help your child resolve the problem. We work with families and students to resolve issues. Do you know about something going on? Please let us know.**

**Contact us:**

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