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Dear Families,

We are writing today to share some additional health and safety information and reminders. I recognize that many of you are experiencing COVID related illness in your homes and this has increased the level of worry about our schools. We continue to work with public health officials and the Ministry of Education to revise and update health and safety guidelines, such as those noted below. Each of our schools has reviewed the revised health and safety guidelines and have implemented them in context with their unique school needs. The Federal Government has also contributed additional funding to support our ongoing work related to ventilation in our schools.

We continue to remind families of the importance of doing the daily health check, following public health guidance regarding illness and staying home when sick and ensuring that everyone eligible for vaccination takes advantage of that opportunity.

Please review the <u>Daily Health Check</u> as it has been updated (the link, QR code and attachment). The updates include, but are not limited to the:

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- Addition of Sneezing and Runny Nose to the list of symptoms, and
- Student and Staff Daily Health Checks have been combined into one document.

Please note, for the daily health check, as before,

Your child CAN attend school if they have:

- Symptoms that are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies),
 OR
- Existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities,

AND are not required to self-isolate, or the self-isolation period is over (based on a positive COVID-19 test result, if taken).

When determining how to manage isolation requirements please ensure you visit <u>If You Have COVID-19</u> (bccdc.ca) or call 811 for guidance.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this updated document and your ongoing diligence of conducting the daily health check each morning before sending your child to school.

Take care,

SDS62 Communications