



# DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope our families had an enjoyable Spring Break. I know all staff and students were ready for a break and hopefully have returned recharged and ready for our final push as we finish up quarter 3.

## **Provincial Restrictions:**

On Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Dr. Bonnie Henry announced a 3-week ‘Circuit Breaker’ placing new restrictions across the Province to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in response to rising numbers. With these Provincial restrictions there were amendments to the Health and Safety Guidelines for schools.

## **Amended K-12 Health and Safety Guidelines**

Earlier today, you should have received an [update from Superintendent Doug Sheppard](#) regarding the amendments to the K-12 health and safety guidelines relating to the wearing of masks in schools.

We recognize that most secondary school students are already wearing their masks indoors, so these changes won't have a great impact on them. However, we would appreciate it if you would please remind your child(ren) that they should not remove their masks to eat or drink while walking through common areas of the school. Masks should only be removed for the purposes of eating and drinking where a person is relatively stationary (e.g. sitting or standing still). Students will be able to remove their masks while outside, including at recess, lunchtime and while learning outside.

In addition, we ask for your support in the following ways:

- Please send your child to school with a clean mask that they are used to wearing, and also a spare mask. Schools will have disposable masks available if students forget their masks.
- Please share this Health Canada [video](#) and [poster](#) with your child(ren).
- Please ensure that your child [maintains physical distance and avoids crowding while on school grounds](#), including outside. We encourage students (and their parents/guardians) to [leave the school grounds promptly](#).

While the updated mask mandate adds another layer of protection it is most important that all students and staff to continue to follow all the health and safety protocols:

- Wear a face covering at all times when indoors
- disperse in a timely manner at the end of the school day
- maintain physical distancing and wear masks outside the school prior to and after classes
- wash re-wearable masks daily after they have been worn
- keep at least 2 meters/6 feet from people outside of your cohort
- regularly wash/sanitize your hands
- sneeze and cough into the crease of your elbow
- refrain from gathering with people who are outside of your immediate household
- complete the [Daily Health Check](#)
- remain at home when feeling ill or showing symptoms of illness

Thank you all for the efforts up until now and your patience through this unprecedented time. Let's continue to meet and exceed the safety standards until we can all be safe. If there are any further changes to the health and safety guidelines, we will share them with you.

Stay Safe everyone!

### **NEW FRASER HEALTH CONTACT NUMBER**

The Fraser Health Authority has now created a dedicated telephone line for the school COVID-related inquiries. The new number to call for advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms is **604-587-4769**. This number replaces 8-1-1 for COVID-related advice.

### **Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues**

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact the school to inform us of the testing results. We would like to centralize the collection of this information so that we can effectively follow up as necessary in an effort to keep our community safe. Please call 604-594-5491 or email [delview.sec@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:delview.sec@deltasd.bc.ca).

### **Scholarship Information**

A list of external scholarship opportunities are posted in our Career Centre website. All grade 12s are encouraged to apply. Please visit: <https://delviewcareercentre.weebly.com/scholarship-announcements--key-dates>

We also have school based scholarships. For full information, click on the links below:

- Community Awards <https://delviewcareercentre.weebly.com/community-awards.html>
- District/Authority Scholarships <https://delviewcareercentre.weebly.com/district--authority-scholarships.html>
- Delta Administered scholarships. <https://delviewcareercentre.weebly.com/district-administered-scholarships.html>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Abad [cabad@deltalearns.ca](mailto:cabad@deltalearns.ca) / [cabad@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:cabad@deltasd.bc.ca)

## Grad Celebration

As mentioned before the break, this year's Grad Commencement Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of June 5th/6th at North Delta Secondary. Exact dates and times will be sent out closer to the event date. The event is being run by GradsBC (<https://gradsbc.com/>) and they will pre-capture the graduation moments on video and combine them with commencement speeches, celebrations, photographs and other highlights for each school. The plan will honour our grade 12 students in a way that will allow them to wear their cap and gown, walk across the stage, have their moment in the spotlight and have several photos taken as they experience the event. This event will be similar to what we did last year for the Grad Celebration of 2020.

## Capstone Update

This is a reminder that we are just over a week away from our Grade 12's beginning to present their Capstone Projects to their Teacher Mentors. Presentations are the week of April 12-16. All students have been provided with their scheduled presentation time, location etc. as well as with important information on how to help prepare for their presentations. It is vital that all students are prepared and present on their scheduled date in order to meet this Graduation requirement. Failure to present their Capstone Project at this time will put students in jeopardy of not meeting Graduation Requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Birt.

## Agriculture Scholarship

If your child is interested in a career in agriculture, you'll want to know about this great funding opportunity.

The City of Delta and Delta's Agricultural Advisory Committee are offering a \$2,000 scholarship opportunity for Delta high school students who reside in Delta to assist in pursuing post-secondary education in the area of agriculture. The deadline to apply is May 21. Visit the City of Delta's website for more information and application forms. <http://delta.ca/environment-sustainability/agriculture/overview>

## Upcoming Workshop for Community, Parents, and Caregivers

Exploring Our Relationship with Alcohol During Stressful Times

When: April 8, 2021 06:00 p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Please register in advance for this Workshop:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5UpduCqqj8uHtbwgdvfzFoNsSRRCWQW6m5F>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Upcoming events:

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday (No School)
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday (No School)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Quarter 4 Transition Day
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Quarter 4

Thank you to our entire Delview school community for your continued support. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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