



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Families,

Let me start by wishing our entire school community a Happy New Year. I hope that all our families enjoyed their holiday break and are looking forward to returning to school on January 10th. On December 30th the Province of British Columbia announced that they were delaying the re-start of school by one week in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases throughout the Province. This week allowed schools and staff to review and implement a number of enhanced safety measures as we prepare to welcome students back to our regular schedule on Monday, January 10th.

This week staff have been re-arranging their classrooms to maximize space between students, reviewing the school's Communicable Disease Plan, adjusting their planning for the loss of instruction this week, and preparing to transition online if schools experience a functional closure.

Thank you all for the efforts up until now and your continued patience through this unprecedented time. Let's continue to meet and exceed the safety standards, so that our entire school community can remain safe and we can keep students at school learning in front of our dedicated staff.

Health and Safety Protocols:

Throughout the week staff have been reviewing and implementing a number of health and safety procedures to help keep our community safe.

We ask students and families to review and continue to adhere to all Health and Safety Protocols:

- **Daily Health Check**
 - Families must complete the '[Daily Health Check](#)' with their child each day before attending school. **Any student that does not pass the Daily Health Check must remain at home until they are symptom free.**
 - Check out the BC Gov't site for the online version of the daily health check
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- **Masks**
 - Masks must continue to be worn at all times in indoor spaces, including when seated at their desks. Students should arrive at school with a mask that [fits properly](#) and creates a tight seal around the mouth and nose. Re-wearable face masks should be washed daily after they have been worn.
 - Students should bring a secondary clean-mask in their bags
 - Students can only remove their masks when eating and drinking, which should be done when sitting and at distance from other staff and students.
 - Some educational activities (music, PHE) will allow students to remove their masks. This will be communicated directly to students by their classroom teachers.
- **Regularly Wash/Sanitize your Hands**
 - Students should sanitize their hands when entering the school and wash and sanitize their hands regularly throughout the day.

- **Maintain Distance from Other Students when Possible**
 - Students are asked to maintain distance and contact from other students. When travelling through the halls, remain on the right side of the hallways and do not loiter in between classes.
 - Only one student should be at their locker at any time to prevent groups of students in a small space.
 - Students should continue to maintain distance and keep masks on when leaving the school or when outdoors on school grounds.
- **Disperse in a Timely Manner at the End of the School Day**
 - After the dismissal bell, students are asked to leave the school quickly and not to gather or loiter in groups outside. Only students registered in an X block class, meeting with teachers, or those involved in extra-curricular activities, should be in the school past the bell.
 - At lunch and after school, students are asked to leave the school through the nearest exit door by their classroom or locker. This will help with large groups forming outside the front of the school.
- **Maintain Distance and Be Seated When Eating and Drinking**
 - Students are permitted to leave at lunch and are asked to exit the school after the bell and leave the school in a timely manner.
 - Students remaining at school for lunch must eat in the school cafeteria or in one of the available classrooms. Classrooms will have a limit of 15 students per room to ensure that students can space themselves before removing their masks.
- **Hallway Etiquette and Movement**
 - Avoid stopping or congregating in groups in the hallway when moving between classes.
 - Walk along the right side of the hallway – keep to the right (similar to driving on a road).
 - Enter and exit the school through the nearest doorway to your classroom or locker.
- **Locker Use**
 - Students will be able to access their lockers before school, during lunch break and after school – **NO locker access during transitions between Period 1 & 2 or Period 3 & 4.**
 - Students will need to plan to have their materials for both morning blocks and afternoon blocks as there is only a 5-minute transition between classes.
- **Limit All Outside Visitors**
 - Outside visitors will be limited to those essential to student education (student teachers etc.).
 - All meeting with parents/guardians will be held over the phone or virtually. Parents are asked not to enter the school but contact us by phone with any questions or concerns.
- **No Spectators For Indoor Events**
 - Under our new enhanced safety measures, we will not be permitting any spectators for any indoor school events.
 - For athletics only student athletes, coaches, referees and student volunteers will be permitted inside the gym for scheduled events.

Additional information on enhanced health and safety measures, masks, vaccines and daily health checks was sent out to all families on January 4th. That message from our superintendent can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/01/January-4-Letter-to-Parents-final.pdf>

The Delview Health and Safety committee will post a revised Delview Communicable Disease Prevention Plan on our website, dl.deltasd.bc.ca, by Monday, January 10. If you have any questions, please message Ms. Oliver (coliver@deltaschools.ca).

On Monday January 10th the Delview admin team will be holding a virtual assembly for all students during flex to review our enhanced safety measures and ensure a consistent message for our entire school community.

Flex Time:

With our enhanced safety measures, Delview has made the decision **not** to transition to a traditional flex block at this time. This decision was made to limit another transition between classes and to limit the mixing of students in our learning spaces.

Delview's flex block will continue to be offered at the end of first period, but students will remain in their first period block. Our flex period will be reviewed at the start of second semester with the hope that we can transition to a traditional flex block, offering students choice in where they attend.

14-Day Rule for Schools – International (USA) Travel

Now that the US border is open for non-essential travel, **please be reminded that unvaccinated or partly-vaccinated students who travel outside of Canada – by land, air or sea - are unable to attend school for 14 days following their return as part of federal requirements.** Please review the government's travel website for the most up-to-date travel information: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

If you are going to travel internationally during the school year, please coordinate with your teacher and school to ensure your child stays on top of schoolwork while they are away, and for the 14 days following their return.

Communication With Families

Over the next while there may be incidences when the school has to communicate with our community quickly over COVID related issues or possibilities of school closures. Delview's communication will continue to be done electronically through email and the school app. Please ensure that the school has your updated email address in the system and if you have not done so already please download the school app (My School Day) from the apple or IOS store on your mobile device.

To update your contact information please contact the Delview office by phone (604 594 5491).

Reporting Student Absences

Absences should be reported as early as possible on the day of the absence to allow a Parent Advised code to be entered into the system. Any unreported absences will result in an automated email from the student system, which will email a message by default.

To report a student absence please:

1. Contact the school office by phone (604-594-5491) or
2. Notify the school by email: delview@deltaschools.ca
3. Send a message through Parent Connect.

Students that are absent from class should communicate with their teachers through email to ensure they remain on top of their studies during extended absences.

Important Dates to Note

School Returns from Winter Break- Monday, January 10th

White Hatter Presentation (Grade 8's)- Monday, January 17th

Provincial Assessments- Monday, January 24th- Thursday, January 27th

Last day of Semester 1- Thursday, January 27th

Semester Break (I'Days)- January 31st- February 2nd

First Day of Semester 2- Thursday, February 3rd

For a complete calendar of events, check out the Delview website: <https://dl.deltasd.bc.ca/>

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the Delview office (604 594 5491) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Delview Secondary

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Vice-Principal, Delview Secondary