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Dear Pacer Families,

In light of the number of letters from Fraser Health that were sent out over the past few days, I am sending this letter to clarify the different types of letters you have received and help answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Fraser Health COVID-19 Exposure Process:

If someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 has attended Delta Secondary, Fraser Health will determine whether or not they were infectious while at school through its contact tracing process. *If the person was NOT infectious while at school, Fraser Health will determine there was NO exposure at school and no communication will be issued.*

If the individual *was infectious while at the school, Fraser Health will send members of the school community one of the following letters:*

- **Early Notification Letter – exposed:** This letter will be shared with individuals, cohorts and class(es) potentially exposed to the person with COVID-19. The letter will provide them with instruction to continue to come to school and to monitor for symptoms daily.
- **Early Notification Letter – not exposed:** This letter will be provided to individuals, cohorts, and class(es) not exposed at school. These individuals may have been at school during this time; however, the exposure did not take place in their cohort or class(es). The letter will provide them with instructions to continue to come to school and to monitor for symptoms daily.
- Where a case is not attached to a specific class or cohort, Fraser Health will send an **Early notification - general letter** to the entire school.

These letters will be shared while contact tracing is underway. Fraser Health determines the next steps based on contact tracing (interviews with the individual, close contacts, and if needed, school-based contacts). Fraser Health may subsequently contact the community with additional instructions:

- Fraser Health may send a **self-monitoring letter to lower risk contacts:** This letter is issued to individuals who may have been exposed to an individual confirmed to have COVID-19. It advises individuals to monitor for symptoms and be vigilant.
- Fraser Health may ask **higher risk contacts to self-isolate.** Fraser Health will contact individuals directly, generally via a phone call, if they are determined to be higher risk

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contacts. These individuals are offered detailed instructions, asked to self-isolate and are monitored for 14 days after last exposure.

- Fraser Health may require an individual to go for a **COVID test**.

Once all contact tracing to a particular exposure is complete, Fraser Health will issue a **School Bulletin**. This enables the school community to know that all follow-up instructions related to a particular exposure have been communicated to the individuals impacted.

Fraser Health continues to monitor the school setting for 14 days after the date of last exposure for any linked cases or further infections. If there are no further cases after 14 days from the last exposure, the exposure is deemed to be no longer active.

For more information regarding school exposures please see the links below:

- **Fraser Health School Exposures:** <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/school-notifications#.YAXBrJNKjJ9>
- **COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart:** https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/12/COVID-Exposure-Flowchart_Dec-8-2020.pdf

COVID-19 Safety Reminders:

With the number of people contracting COVID on the rise and the recent letters sent out by the school, I will be asking our teachers to take some time to review our Safety Protocols, Procedures and Expectations around the importance of following the COVID protocols.

With a public concern of “COVID fatigue” and complacency, I am encouraging you to have a discussion with your child(ren) regarding the importance of continuing to encourage them to follow the health measures and protocols outlined below as we each have a role to play in our collective efforts to flatten the curve and keep our community safe.

We are asking families to help us reinforce the following protocols at Delta Secondary:

- **Completing the [Daily Health Check](#) and staying home if you are exhibiting any symptoms or not feeling well;**
- **Wearing a mask is required when:**
 - **Entering the building and moving through common areas** such as hallways;
 - **Keeping a physical distance of 2 metres** from people outside their learning cohort is not possible—this includes school grounds and, in the community,
- **Washing hands or using sanitizer before entering** the building or a classroom;
- **Not sharing food or snacks** with peers and friends;
- Remembering to **“Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

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Informing the School of COVID Related Health Issues:

If your child has COVID symptoms, please seek a COVID test for them as soon as possible. Please remember to answer your phone, even to unknown numbers in case Fraser Health is trying to reach you.

In the event that your family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that you contact an administrator to inform us of the test results as soon as possible as this will enable us to assist Fraser Health with the contact tracing process. To contact an administrator, please call the Main Office at 604-946-4194 or email the appropriate grade administrator. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

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