



Mountainview Montessori

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"In our Montessori school we learn together peacefully and responsibly by caring for each other and the world."

Dear Mountainview Families,

We hope that you have had a restful Spring Break and look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning!

As you may have heard, yesterday the district made a change to the **face covering** requirements in Surrey schools.

With the increasing trend in community incidence of COVID-19 in the Surrey region, and the corresponding likelihood of increasing exposures in Surrey schools, our district will begin implementation of an additional measure, mandated by public health for our schools.

Effective today (Saturday, March 27) our district will begin implementation of an Order of the Medical Health Officer, specific to Face Coverings in Surrey Schools.

This Order is specific to our district and requires all K-12 staff and all students in grades 4 to 12 to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas, including when they are with their learning groups.

Exceptions include:

- If an individual is unable to wear a face covering because of a psychological, behavioral or health condition; or a physical, cognitive, or intellectual impairment.
- If an individual is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person.
- While communicating with a person who has a hearing impairment.
- When an individual is actively eating or drinking.
- For teachers – if the face covering is removed while providing direct instruction at a distance of more than two metres from others.

For K-3 students, the Medical Health Officer strongly recommends and encourages the wearing of a non-medical mask, consistent with the above exceptions.

This Order was developed by Fraser Health's Chief Medical Health Officer, in consultation with the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Education and our Board of Education.

This is welcome news and will offer an additional layer of protection for our staff and students. This mandate, in addition to the targeted measures announced earlier by our district, will allow our schools to safely continue face-to-face learning by following all appropriate measures to limit the spread of illness.

We all thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to ensure everyone's continued health and safety.

Kind regards
Cheryl Rutherford

Principal – Mountainview Montessori