



NOVEMBER 16^h UPDATE

RE: Health and Safety Update for Quarter 2

Hello Dover Bay Community,

As we begin our second quarter I thought it important to update everyone on our quarter startup and our continued focus on our health and safety guidelines. We are all aware that Covid 19 has impacted our school and our school district with a number of exposures this week. In turn, this has obviously impacted our community and made us acutely aware that this pandemic is not going away. Parents and students should be aware that our teachers are providing in class instruction for our students as per the Ministry of Education's Stage 2 Guidelines. Working within those guidelines, we are not able to support students remotely. There are exceptions to this, as students can be supported remotely if they are directed into isolation by Island Health, or are immune compromised. We have had students showing up today requesting work and access to Google Classroom, stating that they will not be in class for instruction. Unfortunately, these requests cannot be accommodated.

We have noted a spike in Island Connect Ed registrations at Dover Bay and across the district. With respect to families that are making this decision with the safety of their children in mind, please review the safety precautions below that are in place at Dover Bay. We know historically that distance learning courses are not for all learning styles. Students taking ICE courses should expect to spend 3-4 hours per course per day, and should try to complete their DL course within the quarter. We wish all students well that have taken that option it is important to monitor your child's progress to ensure they stay on track for a successful completion.

Our teaching staff have connected with their classes to review our health and safety procedures and students listened to an announcement from me today that reviewed the following information:

1. **Arrival at School** – We are asking our students to arrive as close to the bell as possible for the start of the day. We are still allowing our grade eight and nine students enter the school at the warning bell, and asking the grade ten to twelves to enter at the 8:30 am bell. Bus students that arrive earlier do have access to the building prior to the warning bell.
2. **Masks** -Dover Bay has an ample supply of reusable and disposable masks that are available at the office. Staff and students are required to wear masks in all common areas and when interacting with individuals outside of a cohort. Students are not required to wear masks within a cohort class, but are free to do so if they like. These are ministry guidelines that we are following. Also of note, disposable masks are becoming the new litter around campus. Please ensure they get properly disposed of.

3. **Entry and Exit Points-** Students need to enter Dover Bay through their designated entry point which is closest to their A block class. Students should wear masks as they approach the school and enter their learning area.
4. **Lunch Break and Lunch Zones** – We encourage students to go outside for lunch if the weather is okay where they should socially distance and wear masks when around students from various cohorts. Each student is assigned to a particular cohort eating area. These areas are for eating and students should put their mask back on when their lunch is over.
5. **Breaks** – Because we have gone to a quarter system our classes are exceptionally long. Most classroom teachers provide a short break for students to get some fresh air, grab some nutrition etc. Students are encouraged to go outside on breaks, and if they are inside they would wear masks and socially distance in the common areas.
6. **Inclement Weather Notification** – The Dover Bay App will send out a notification in the morning if the weather is exceptionally bad. The app can be found in the My School Day app which is available in the App store or Google Play Store. This message will be sent out by 7:45 am and will allow students to enter their lunch zone eating areas between 8:00-8:20am. They would then have to exit that zone to enter their Block A Zone.
7. **Purpose of Cohorts** – The purpose of the Quarter system and cohorts it so reduce the number of contacts our staff and students have each day. This is intended to reduce the spread of Covid 19.
8. **Covid 19 Dover Bay Exposures** – Dover Bay has had recent exposures noted and handled by Island Health. We will be expecting staff and students to start returning this week and into next from self isolation/quarantine as directed by Island Health. No one will return to our school without clearance from Island Health. We want to respect everyone that was in that situation and make anyone feel comfortable with their return.
9. **Cleaning Protocols-** The classrooms all have Virox spray and hand sanitizer. High touch surfaces are being wiped down by our custodial staff multiple times a day. A Clorox 360 device is also used to sterilize classrooms after hours.
10. **Overall Expectations** - Following our health and safety procedures is all of our responsibility at Dover Bay. We are a strong community and we want to look out for each other by following these guidelines. We want to ensure that everyone follows the 3 R's and is Responsible, Respectful, and therefore Ready to Learn.

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