



March 17, 2020

Dear Agents,

As you may have been informed, Canada is closing its borders to most non-Canadian residents. The Government of Canada is asking people to stay home as much as possible and keep a social distance. As per the recommendations, we would like to extend our expectations regarding local travel and outings until further notice.

International students are discouraged to go to public places where groups of 50 or more can gather such as restaurants, malls, movie theatres. etc. Use of public transportation is discouraged, as are sleepovers between District ISP students at homestay homes at this time. Please have conversations with your students about the following guidelines from Fraser Health. We ask that all agents and natural parents support Langley School District and homestay families at this time in regards to these students' expectations. Please discuss and review with your son or daughter to reinforce these guidelines that students are expected to follow.

As of today, The British Columbia Provincial Government has suspended K-12 learning. The Education Minister, Rob Fleming has said "plans to return classes would be discussed at a later date". Regular updates will be added to the school district's website. Please check this space routinely: <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/>

Reminder of email sent to agents and natural parents last week:

At this time, we do not encourage any international travel. We are advising families to observe Government of British Columbia Travel Health Notices to inform their decision making regarding upcoming holiday travel. Currently, the following travel advisories have been issued as of March 12, 2020:

"The British Columbia Government advises against international travel including to the U.S., and that anyone who chooses to leave the country should stay home from work or school for 14 days. That includes people who are currently in the U.S. and will be returning in the days ahead".

Hence, our expectations for Spring Break travel are as follows:

1. International Students as well as all residents of British Columbia are to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada including the United States. Anyone choosing to travel outside of Canada is required to self-isolate for 14 days upon return and will not be allowed to attend school.



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2. District homestay may not be provided to any student during the 14-day self-quarantine period. It will be the responsibility of the student and natural parents to find a safe and appropriate placement for this two-week quarantine period. Please note, as per our International Program Agreement, international students must reside with a responsible adult age 25 or older. International students are not permitted to stay by themselves or stay at a commercial accommodation such as a hotel or Air B&B. This applies to all international students in district homestay or in a private homestay arrangement.

This global situation is changing rapidly and destinations within the travel advisory are increasing. As a result of this global unpredictability, please be advised that we cannot guarantee that the homestay placement will be available after returning from travel.

The safety of everyone is our top priority. We will update you again as we receive more information. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

As you may know, our District and international department have been as diligent as possible to consider the best interest of everyone. We are looking for and would appreciate cooperation, patience, and understanding to keep everybody as safe as we can. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of your effort and patience thus far.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Leiper'.

Mark Leiper
District Principal
Langley International Student Program