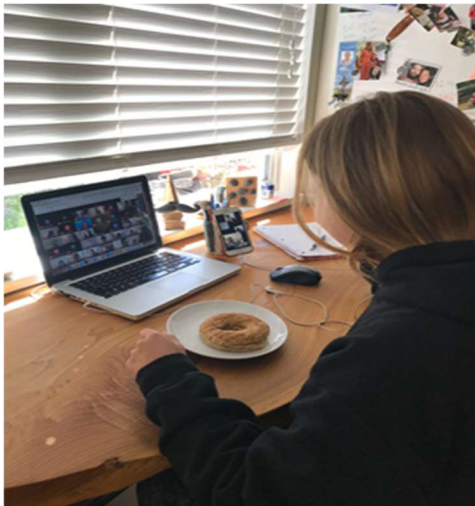


# Sea to Sky School District 48 International Education Program

Agent Update #6: COVID 19, May 21<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Continuity of Learning:

We are pleased to see that our teachers have engaged almost all of our students in their continuity of learning plans. The Ministry of Education has accounted for a blended learning environment for grading purposes and students should have an idea of their learning expectations.



Student's conferencing online

The Continuity of Learning has created online social learning and meaningful interaction with teachers and fellow students.

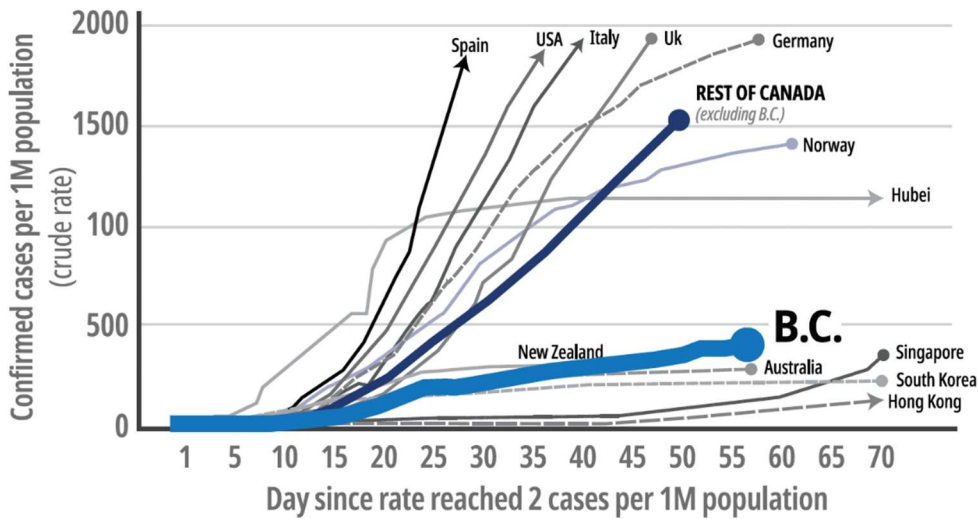


## Resuming School

The numbers of COVID cases in British Columbia have been relatively low and our containment rates are going well. We are optimistic about September and would like to refer to the BC restart plan- see page 14 of the plan. Currently, phase 3 of the plan starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the partial return to school for K-12 students.

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/gdx/bcs\\_restart\\_plan\\_web.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/gdx/bcs_restart_plan_web.pdf)

The graph below gives an idea of how we have done in our province in comparison to the rest of Canada and the world.



On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the Premier of British Columbia announced the phase two opening of our Province. This latest announcement specifically dealt with schools and how students would do a gradual re-entry beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the link below for specific details and the full announcement by the Premier and the Minister of Education.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0026-000890>

Our district has compiled some CoVID related resources and we encourage you to check these for updates regularly.

<https://sd48seatosky.org/covid-19-information/>

### **Opportunities and Limitations: Expectations for next year.**

Next year, we are expecting a smaller cohort of international students in our district. This will allow us to have more personalized interactions with our students. If we continue to do well with our infection rates, areas such as Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort and our access to our incredible outdoor wonderland will be available. This may not be the case if things get worse or if there is another significant outbreak.

The new reality of our students for the coming year will likely involve the following scenarios:

- Quarantine of 14 days when they arrive. If this is the case we will either provide an alternate site for all of our arriving students starting on or before August 21<sup>st</sup>. This will give them two week of quarantine prior to school starting or they will quarantine at their host family's residence. We do expect that there will be extra costs involved in the additional quarantine. We will get back to you with our final plans for quarantine in the coming weeks, however, it is important to convey that there will be extra costs to our families.
- Social Distancing and online learning will be the reality for September. As a department, we

intend to offer activities and excursions that will allow students to see our incredible environment, however, this will be dependent on what restrictions are in place at the time. We will follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and our worst case scenario will be extended periods of time when children cannot and do not have social interactions.

### **Summer 2020 and Beyond**

On Monday of last week, I sent a note to agents regarding our students who are here and who have returned home. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like your students who are in our district and are planning to resume studies with us for the 2020-2021 school year intend to stay for summer months. If students return home, expect that they will have a mandatory quarantine on their return to Canada.

On behalf of the Sea to Sky International team we want to thank you for your ongoing support of our district. We are looking forward to end of this pandemic and while we wait for this to subside, we want you to know that your safety is our #1 priority and you are always in our thoughts. We wish you the very best and always welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact us at any time and know that we are grateful for our valued agents around the world.

Sincerely,

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Some snips of what social distancing and isolating looks like in Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton

