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Dear Trusted Agents,

I know you are all being inundated with COV-19 information. This information is changing for us on a daily basis. I would like to express our gratitude for our strong partnerships and the trust that we have developed. Throughout this difficult time we have been so impressed with how accommodating and flexible all of our agents have been. On our end we are working tirelessly to make sure we continue to maximize our student’s experiences.

It is important to remind students of the need for **social distancing** at this time. Please refer to the following articles for guidelines on both social distancing and self-quarantining:

Government of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/public-health-measures-mitigate-covid-19.html>

BC Health Link

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

What we know	What is Unknown at this point
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you are a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or US Citizen and you come into Canada from the United States, you will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. ● As of now Canadian Borders are closed. If you have left the country and are not a Canadian Citizen you cannot return to Canada. You must return to your home country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In other neighboring Provinces schools are extending and/or canceling the school year. We have not had information on this in BC. We will send out any new information as soon as we have it on potential school closures. ● Refunds: I will be addressing our board on this issue and will be sending you information on this shortly

We understand that families may be anxious in regards to their children being far from them at this time. If you would like your children to return home, please do let us know as soon as possible.

We will keep you up-to-date with decisions and guidelines that come from the Ministry of Education and our School District that may affect school re-opening and learning alternatives. Right now, in British Columbia we have not been given any direction on schools being closed for a prolonged period.

Attached to this update are letters from the Ministry of Health for British Columbia with some excellent links on all of these updates.

Thank you,

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Sea to Sky School District #48