

March 5th, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Re: Coronavirus & Spring Break International Travel**

We are writing once again to give you updated information on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). As our knowledge of COVID-19 evolves, we continue to use information from Fraser Health and Health Canada to inform our recommendations to keep students and staff safe. With many families choosing to travel internationally during Spring Break, we know that there may be increased risk of the virus spreading. As such, we are providing some guidelines for your consideration.

We are advising families to observe Government of Canada's [Travel Health Notices](#) to inform their decision making regarding upcoming holiday travel. Currently, the following travel advisories have been issued as of March 5th, 2020:

- **Level 3** Travel Advisory (Avoid Non-essential Travel) for China, Northern Italy, Iran;
- **Level 2** Travel Advisory (Practice Special Precautions) for Japan, South Korea.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have made the decision to cancel a number of district-sponsored trips to these locations. Families who have students registered for these trips will be receiving separate communication to that effect.

The BC Provincial Health Officer is now advising self-isolation for 14 days for people who have been to China and Iran in the last 14 days. As such, please note that if your family travels to any location with a Level 2 or Level 3 travel advisory during Spring Break, you may be asked to self-quarantine your child prior to returning them to an Abbotsford school.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We want to ensure parents, students and staff have time to adjust their plans accordingly. This is an evolving global situation, and as such we need to be prepared that between now and spring break there likely will be more changes to the situation.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin Godden  
Superintendent of Schools