



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

March 10, 2022

Dear Central Okanagan Public School Families,

On Thursday, March 10, the BC Government and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced changes to public health guidance, which include that the Province will no longer mandate the wearing of masks in indoor public spaces. The Provincial Health Officer noted that while not all school districts have the same dates for Spring Break, the updated [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) state that **when students return from Spring Break masks will no longer be required for students, staff, and visitors in schools.**

Spring Break in Central Okanagan Public Schools begins Monday, March 21. For the week of March 14 - 18, our schools will continue to follow the public health guidance from the Ministry of Education.

This means that masks will continue to be required until we return from Spring Break. We understand that the short window before the break may cause some uncertainty. We will continue to follow the public health guidance that keeps schools safe places to learn and work. This week will also enable a safe and considerate transition to updated protocols for students and staff.

We will also continue to support other layers of protection in our schools, as outlined in our current [Communicable Disease Plan](#).

We are grateful to our staff, students, and families for supporting one another and following safety protocols through the many changes. We will continue to foster safety, inclusion, and kindness through this transition.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kaardal
Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Central Okanagan Public Schools