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Dear RVS Parents/Guardians and Staff,

This evening the Government of Alberta declared a state of public health emergency and announced new [COVID-19 Public Health Actions](#), several of which impact schools.

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has updated our [2021/22 Return to School Operational Plan](#) in alignment with existing measures and these new measures. We encourage all families and RVS staff to review the full plan for more information. At a glance, here are some notable changes.

Key changes to operational plan (see full plan for all changes):

- Maximizing physical distancing to the best of our abilities given the uniqueness of each school
- Cohorting of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Pausing school wide or group indoor activities
- Further strengthening masking requirements for all students and staff (in all common areas, in classrooms unless seated and facing the same direction, and on school buses)

RVS continues to rely on the direction and guidance of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) to make decisions about health-related practices and we closely monitor the situation at each school. We will continue to adjust plans as the pandemic evolves, COVID-19 measures change, and based on evolving needs of our schools and communities.

RVS has established two contingency plans to be implemented if required by government – [Contingency 1: In School Learning with Enhanced Health Measures](#) and [Contingency 2: At Home Learning](#). These contingency plans are publicly available on the RVS website and will be implemented, if needed, at the direction of government. These plans will also continue to be adapted as necessary.

We understand these new measures are sudden and there is likely a range of reactions for families, students, and staff. While we all look forward to a time when these measures are no longer necessary, we continue to be grateful for your flexibility and cooperation as we work together to keep our schools safe and positive learning environments. We also ask for your patience as school staffs work to implement these latest measures that were only released tonight. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Fiona Gilbert
Board Chair

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools