

Bella Bella Community School Board



COVID & Student Self-Isolation Requirements

August 23, 2021

If you leave Bella Bella (the Territory) at any time during the school year, upon return to the community:

A) students 12 years & older with

- i. 2 doses vaccine = return to school (no isolation)
- ii. 1 dose vaccine = self-isolate for 1 week
- iii. no vaccine = self-isolate for 2 weeks

B) students 11 years & younger with

- i. 2 doses vaccine to parents & eligible siblings = return to school
- ii. 1 dose or no vaccine to parents & eligible siblings = self-isolate for 2 weeks

Contact school administration with any questions or for exceptions that may apply in special circumstances.

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NOTICE

Self-Isolation Requirements for Students

Hello Parents,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bella Bella Community School Society (the "School Board"), we are reaching out to provide you with an update regarding the School's new policy on self-isolation requirements for students.

The School Board has taken great care to protect your children, our staff and our community, and will continue to do so for the duration of the pandemic to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

In consultations with the School administration, effective August 23, 2021, in addition to the School continuing to adhere to the BBCS Covid Safety Manual and public health requirements and guidelines, the following new self-isolation measures are being implemented for students who leave Bella Bella at any time during the school year:

1. Students who are ineligible to be vaccinated (ie. currently any students under age 12) must self-isolate for a period of two (2) weeks before they can return to school, if they have parents or siblings who are not fully vaccinated and leave Bella Bella during the school year. Exceptions to this requirement may apply in special circumstances or where an unvaccinated family member is required to leave Bella Bella for medical reasons. In such instances, please contact School administration to discuss the situation.
2. Students who are ineligible to be vaccinated, but whose eligible siblings and parents are fully vaccinated, will not be required to self-isolate for any period of time prior to returning to school if either they or their siblings or parents leave and return to Bella Bella during the school year.
3. Students who are eligible to be vaccinated, but have not received any COVID-19 vaccinations are required to self-isolate for two (2) weeks following their return to Bella Bella, before they can return to school.
4. Students who are eligible to be vaccinated, but have only received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at the time, will be required to self-isolate for one (1) week following their return to Bella Bella, before they can return to school.
5. Students who are fully vaccinated as of September 7, 2021 will not be required to self-isolate upon their return to Bella Bella before they can return to school.

During any period of self-isolation, students will continue to have access to the school's online learning tools. Parents are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible to make arrangements for any online learning requirements.

The School Board will accommodate any individuals who are unable to receive the vaccine on the basis of protected human rights grounds (such as for medical reasons or on the basis of religious beliefs). Individuals who are unsure whether they are able to take the vaccine because of a medical condition should contact their health care provider. If your child may require accommodation due to a protected human rights ground, please contact School administration.

The School will continue to follow all public health requirements and guidance and will adjust measures as needed to ensure the safety of our staff and students. Students who are unwell or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should continue to stay home from school and monitor their symptoms, in accordance with the School Board's policies and public health guidelines.

Thank you to our staff, students and community members for following all protocols to help prevent the transmission of the virus. Our ability to continue to successfully navigate this pandemic requires the support of each and every member of our school community. We will provide further updates as necessary. If you have any questions or comments regarding this policy, please contact School administration.

Please also visit the School's website for up to date information regarding the School Board and its COVID-19 safety protocols.

Yours truly,

Bella Bella School Board