

October 11, 2021

Dear Sorrento Elementary Families,

RE: Sorrento Elementary School – Functional School Closure Effective Tuesday, October 12, 2021

As you are likely aware, COVID-19 activity has increased throughout the Interior region in the past few weeks. Recently, there have been some cases of COVID-19 among the school community, and as such there are a number of school community members that require self-isolation for 10 days.

In order to support the Sorrento Elementary School staff and students who are currently self-isolating, School District No. 83 has decided to close the school for one week due to staffing constraints. In-person classes will resume on Monday October 18th, 2021

Interior Health and School District No. 83 are working very closely together to ensure members of our school community who are directly impacted have been contacted, and they have the information they need. Anyone potentially exposed to COVID-19 will receive a phone call from Interior Health and will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.

Please note, that this is a functional school closure and has not been declared a COVID-19 school outbreak. Online learning will take place during this closure period starting on Wednesday, October 13th with teachers reaching out to parents and students in the next few days.

Interior Health is asking **all members** of the school community to self-monitor for symptoms and get tested if they are sick. Testing information is available on the Interior Health website here: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/testing-information/>

Schools offer very significant health and wellness benefits, physically, socially, and emotionally. Health authorities and school districts are working closely to ensure schools remain safe. Interior Health and School District 83 would like to thank school staff, students and families for their continued commitment to school safety by following the school's safety plans and for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



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Medical Health Officer



for
Donna Kriger
Superintendent of Schools