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due to the following:

1. Staff and students had COVID-19 prior to school starting and are isolating or are close cases and needing to isolate.
2. Parents and guardians have kept their children home if they are ill or if they have COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19. This does not increase the risk of COVID-19 in schools as these individuals would not be attending while infectious. For more information on how to manage cases and close contacts are instructed to do, please refer to the BCCDC [website](#).

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With respect to the second reason above, I want to reassure you that school is safe and there are layers of protection in place to protect staff, students and families. In our region, we began implementing a set of enhanced

An extensive FAQ is also available on Immunize BC at <https://immunizebc.ca/COVID-19-vaccines-FAQ-5-to-11>

If you would like to speak to someone about the COVID-19 vaccine for children, please reach out to our COVID-19 Call Centre at 778-368-0123 or your family doctor/nurse practitioner.

You can register and book your child's vaccine here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>.

K-12 schools continue to be safe places for children to learn in-person during the pandemic. For parents and guardians, we look forward to your children returning to school to learn, be with their friends and peers and be part of a safe school environment.

Sincerely,

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