



March 6, 2020

Scott MacDonald
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education

Shannon Baskerville
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Advanced Education
VIA EMAIL

Dear Deputy MacDonald and Deputy Baskerville:

I am writing to provide advice on Spring Break travel for students in British Columbia. Please share this information with your networks.

At this time, it is not necessary to cancel planned events, outings or trips to public locations in B.C. and Canada and to most places in the world. However, travellers should understand that as global efforts to contain COVID-19 continue, the availability of health care services in some areas may be limited and travel restrictions may be put in place suddenly.

People who are planning travel should check the latest travel notices and advisories on the Government of Canada's website (<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>).

Information about COVID-19, including advice and guidance to schools, is regularly updated on the BC Centre for Disease Control site: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel)). Please encourage your colleagues to routinely check this site and its resources.

For a range of additional links and 8-1-1 information, visit: www.healthlinkbc.ca/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Henry".

Bonnie Henry
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