



Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association

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Dear Colleague,

The VSTA office has received many inquiries today regarding travel and COVID-19. The Ministry of Health has advised against non-essential travel outside of the country. At this point we have **no assurance** that teachers who choose to travel abroad will be able to access sick leave during self-isolation upon return.

As this global pandemic evolves, information is changing at a rapid rate and there are many questions that remain to be answered. This afternoon, the BCTF sent a message of high importance to all members with current FAQ advice from the Federation regarding travel on Spring Break. We have been in contact with the Employer regarding information they have been receiving from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. That information has been shared with you at your worksites as well as through the letter from the Deputy Minister of Education emailed to all staff and parents.

Please check VSB email for any updates over the Break.

Please enjoy down time over Spring Break and take good care of yourself.

In Solidarity,

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