



Two public schools close due to COVID-19

Although infection rates remain significantly lower in schools than in the community, CUPE members in Locals 728 (Surrey) and 1091 (Delta) have recently been affected by COVID-19. In Surrey, SD 36 closed Cambridge Elementary until November 30 as advised by Fraser Health. In Delta, Jarvis Elementary will also be closed for two weeks effective November 16.

K-12 locals across the province are dealing with self-isolation with many of our members being told to self-isolate across several districts. Details about school exposures and clusters can be found on each health region's website. *(Please see Bulletin 33 for links.)*

Parents, students and the public depend on CUPE members supporting students in schools throughout B.C.

The position of the K-12 Presidents Council has always been that safety in schools—for everyone—is paramount.

Whether schools close by choice or are ordered to close, continuity of wages and benefits must not be interrupted. All districts should ensure that members do not have to use any of their accrued banks because they were directed to self-isolate.

We are working hard to support locals during school closures. British Columbians need all support staff available, healthy

and able to continue to support students.

Your K-12 Presidents Council and CUPE continue to focus on:

- Keeping members, students and everyone in the K-12 community safe
- Helping locals navigate through this pandemic
- Continuing to work with government and all stakeholders

We will continue to follow the science and guidance of the Provincial Health Officer and the BCCDC.

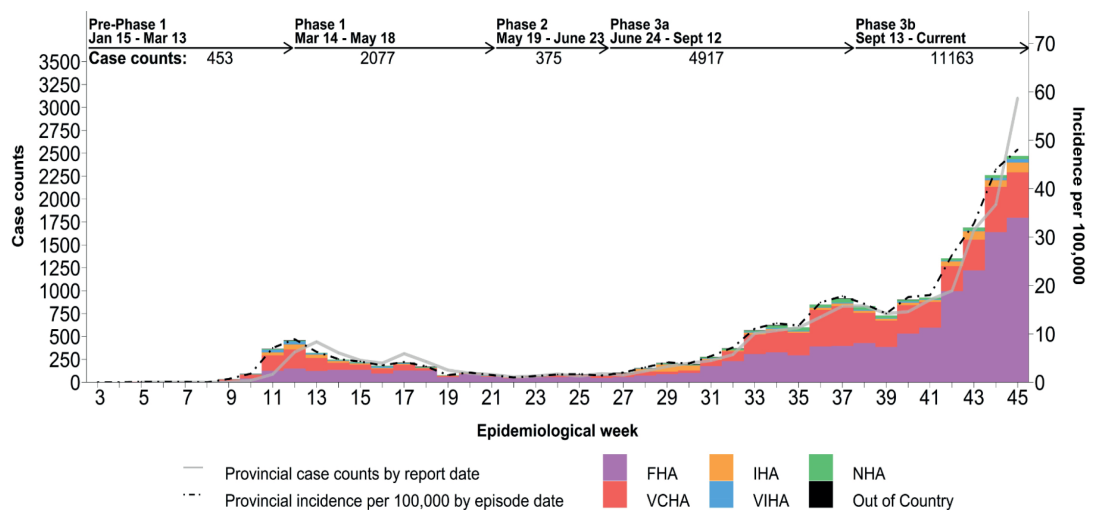
In safety and solidarity,

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K-12 Presidents Council President

Epidemiological curve by health authority

January 15 to November 12, 2020

Figure 1. Episode-based epidemic curve (bars)^a, report date (line) and health authority (HA), BC January 15, 2020 (week 3) – November 7, 2020 (week 45) (N= 18,985)



The average weekly rate by phase in Figure 1 is derived as the incidence divided by the number of weeks for Pre-Phase 1 (8 weeks), Phase 1 (9 weeks), Phase 2 (5 weeks), Phase 3a (11.5 weeks), and Phase 3b (8 weeks).

a. First onset date of a case in BC was January 15, 2020. Displayed data extracted after noon on Thursday, November 12, 2020.