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Dear Families, Students and Staff,

We would like to begin by acknowledging the support and diligence of all of you, as we continue to work together to manage the risks of COVID-19 in our college communities. We are writing to reiterate the important things that we can all do to protect each other as cases rise throughout BC and across our own health region.

It continues to be paramount that we care for one another. Simple actions make a big difference in this regard: use the daily health check to determine whether you should come to school or work that day, stay home when you are sick, maximize physical distance from others, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask when required. Earlier this week Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry made masks an 'expectation' in all public places. We are asking for your support once again in encouraging those who can wear a mask to do so – especially in high traffic areas such as hallways, which was already part of Dr. Henry's direction about schools and masks. We know that wearing a mask is one more way we can protect ourselves and those around us. While the precautions we have outlined are well known, as we get comfortable in our routines, a reminder can be helpful.

As a college, we have multiple processes and protocols in place: all strictly adhering to the standards and guidance provided by the Provincial Health Officer, Ministries of Health and Education, the BC Centre for Disease Control, the Fraser Health Authority and WorkSafe BC. Keeping our learning environments healthy and safe is a shared responsibility, and we remain grateful to everyone in our college communities for being vigilant and doing their part.

Reflecting on the 2020-21 school year so far, we continue to be amazed by the resolve and creativity of our college communities. On behalf of Royal Bridge College, we extend our deepest thanks to all. There is no doubt that together we are and will continue to get through this.

Please take good care of yourselves, your loved ones and each other. Sincerely,

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