

Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Head of School

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Dear CDNIS Community,

I hope this finds you well-rested and ready for the upcoming school year!

On that note, I write with some updates following yesterday's press conference conducted by the Chief Executive, Carrie Lam and the Secretary for Education, Kevin Yeung, and to share with you the contents of [the letter from the EDB](#) to schools which we received yesterday evening. While some directives are still somewhat open to interpretation, there are some non-negotiables with which all schools must comply by if we are to resume any full day classes face-to-face on-campus, namely:

- 1) At least 70% of all employees (teaching and non-teaching) must be fully vaccinated (ie, two shots plus the 14 day incubation period.) **I'm very happy to report that currently more than 91% of our employees are fully vaccinated, and this number is climbing;**
- 2) Provided we meet the 70% vaccination target, all non-vaccinated employees (teaching, non-teaching and externally contracted), all volunteers and all campus visitors must show proof of a COVID-negative test upon entry and renew it every two weeks;
- 3) At least 70% of eligible students (ie, those aged 12 years old and above) must be fully vaccinated (ie, two shots plus the 14 day incubation period). Unfortunately, our most recent survey indicated that fewer than 70% of our eligible students are fully vaccinated. **If your eligible student is among this non-vaccinated group, I strongly urge you to take steps to remedy this immediately.**
- 4) Students under 12 years of age (ie, those largely in grades EY-Grade 6/7) will be allowed on campus if the above criteria regarding staffing are met, with timetable adaptations and modified lunch service.

Simply put, if we cannot comply, we potentially will not qualify to operate full-time on-campus face-to-face classes for the first weeks of school. In the interim, we are working to create optimal adjusted or abbreviated schedules for each school division, given the latest constraints, and will be communicating these to you as soon as we have EDB approval. **If you are an Upper School family, please look for a revised vaccination survey for your student from Nurse Amy today and complete it as soon as possible.**

This is not the "Welcome Back" letter I had hoped to be sending at the start of the school year, but we live in unprecedented times and keeping our community safe is of paramount importance. A quick review of events around the world concerning the spread of the virulent Delta variant, particularly among young children, is a reminder that we must remain vigilant. You'll be receiving more information from us during the upcoming days concerning revised academic schedules, adjusted bussing programme, and other Back to School essentials.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Warmly,
祝平安喜樂!



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