

## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Hello Kelowna Christian School Community,

You very likely have seen news reports of the COVID cases at Calvary Chapel Kelowna, which rents space at the Benvoulin campus. To get correct and reassuring information out quickly, we posted to social media last night, but realize that this may not have reached all of our families. To ensure all parents receive the information, I am including yesterday's post below. As well, there will be an more detailed update emailed to the KCS community later today.

Shalom,

MIKE CAMPBELL HEAD OF SCHOOL



This morning, I was with our school board participating in board training. As we neared lunch, I was contacted by the Interior Health Authority. I was informed that the church that rents the Anne Rauser Hall on the Benvoulin Campus on Sundays, Calvary Chapel, had a COVID outbreak. This was traced back to their morning church service on September 13th. The media jumped onto this story as rapidly as we were learning what it meant.

I have spent the afternoon in meetings with the Health Authority and aiding the media with proper information.

Our Interior Medical Health Officer assured me that there was never an increased risk to our students from this outbreak. Interior Health is working with me to provide a factual statement of reassurance for our students, staff, and families. I will send this out once complete (sometime tomorrow).

During this pandemic, Kelowna Christian School has maintained its long-term partnership with Calvary Chapel (new rental partnerships have been put on pause). Mike Hansum and I are in constant communication with the church, ensuring all health and safety protocols are exceeded. We are thankful for our partnership with Calvary and their ability to worship, in person, on Sundays, in our theatre. Please do uphold them in prayer during this complicated time. They have temporarily postponed all in-person events until the Health Authority confirms that this outbreak is contained.

For now, I reiterate, the exposure occurred on Sunday, September 13th, and a deep clean happened following this service. The students at Kelowna Christian School would not have been exposed to the virus when they arrived at the Benvoulin Campus on the morning of September 14th nor are they exposed now.

I am deeply impressed by the work and the communication by the Interior Health Authority today, and they have been equally impressed by our thorough health and safety measures. Sometime tomorrow, a more extensive memo will come that will provide a more evidencebased response to assure you of each child's safety.

KCS Families, I am thankful to be journeying with you during these extraordinary times.

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