

**To the Physician:**

A request has been made on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Student”) for a medical accommodation with respect to their attendance at school. In particular, the Student is requesting to be excused from some or all in-class instruction due to the potential impact of COVID-19 on them because they have a recognized immune-suppression condition requiring such accommodation.

Accordingly, to consider a request for such accommodation, the Greater Victoria School District requires a medical certificate confirming that, due to immune suppression, an accommodation is required.

The BC Centre for Disease Control guidance is that not all immune suppressed children require accommodation in schools. Only those at high risk, including students facing situations like starting some chemotherapy, treatment with high doses of steroid medications or children with very low white blood cell counts, require accommodation. Children at medium and low risk should take the same precautions as other children to avoid infection with COVID-19.

Criteria for Students with Immune Suppression: Criteria for Children with Immune Suppression based on information from the BC Children’s Hospital available from:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prioritypopulations/children-with-immune-suppression>

1. They have a medical condition that affects their immune system.
2. They have side effects from medications that cause a very low white blood cell count.
3. They are taking medication that suppresses their immune system. Children may be taking these medicines as treatment for:
  - autoimmune or rheumatologic disease
  - inflammatory bowel disease
  - immune-mediated kidney or liver disease
  - organ transplant
  - bone marrow or stem cell transplant
4. They are having chemotherapy, or they had chemotherapy recently.

**Parent/Guardian and Student (if appropriate) Authorization**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize my/my child’s physician to complete this Physician’s Statement.

### Physician's Statement

1. Following examination, I certify that the Student has an underlying medical condition which puts them at high risk of complications due to COVID-19, as described by the BC-CDC.

Yes                       No

2. It is my medical opinion that the:

Student is able to attend school in-class with proper physical distancing and other safety protocols in place for COVID-19 related reasons.

OR

The Student requires an accommodation beyond the physical distancing and other safety protocols above to safely attend school for COVID-19 related reasons.

3. What additional accommodations beyond physical distancing and the safety protocols in place at the Student's school would assist in the Student being able to attend in class education?

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4. I have discussed the above information with the Student and the Student's Parent/Caregiver

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

5. My medical opinion is based upon:

Information provided by the Student/Parent/Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_

My examination of the Student and my assessment of the findings and health information \_\_\_\_\_