



June 2, 2020

Mayor Val van den Broek
Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent
Langley, BC V3A 4B3

Dear Mayor van den Broek

Re: Request for official public guidance on pedestrian protocols

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 2020. Dr Lavoie has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The citizens of the City of Langley can be reassured that there is essentially no risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 while walking on the city's sidewalks.

Even if it is impossible to remain 2m apart when passing another person there is no risk of transmitting the disease unless the individuals touch or one person coughs or sneezes directly on to another.

People who are still concerned about passing close to others have the option of wearing a non-medical mask while walking on the sidewalks. There is no need to step off the sidewalk when passing other pedestrians, nor to walk on the roads.

Finally, everyone is encouraged to practice good cough and sneeze etiquette, and keep hands clean using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer while out and about.

I hope that this addresses the concerns you raised in your letter. Please contact me if you require any other information.

Sincerely,

Andrew Larder
Executive Medical Director – Medical Health Officer