



PINE CREEK SCHOOL DIVISION

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COVID-19 Update for March 15, 2020

In preparation for the scheduled return of students and staff to school and work tomorrow, Monday, March 16, 2020, we are forwarding the following guidelines that all parents/guardians and PCSD employees are requested to follow.

Social isolation is the most important factor in slowing the spread of COVID-19. During our 4 remaining days of classes, we will take all precautions necessary to implement social distancing wherever possible.

As always, parents make the final decision about the safety of their children, and about whether or not children should attend school.

1. As per our last communication, classes will continue as scheduled this week. Classes are cancelled as of March 23, 2020, with the intention of resuming classes on April 13, 2020.
2. We ask any staff member or student who is showing signs of illness (fever, respiratory symptoms, cough, runny nose, for example) to remain at home. If children become ill during the day, parents will be asked to take them home.
3. During this week, there will be no sports practices or extra-curricular activities. All field trips and assemblies are cancelled. We will focus on core classroom learning.

In addition, we ask the following:

- Any staff or students who may be at high risk of exposure due to pre-existing medical conditions are asked to stay home this week. This includes individuals with respiratory conditions or serious medical issues such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.
- Anticipating that many parents/guardians will choose to keep their children home this week, teachers are asked to postpone all major classroom assessments/evaluations.
- Parents/guardians who plan to have their children stay home, please contact your school with as much lead time as possible to assist in planning.

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- Parents will be notified by their schools when and where lesson plans can be obtained for student learning during the closure.
- Parents/guardians who have their children transported by PCSD bus services are asked to be prepared for possible bus service disruption if PCSD experiences challenges in running any bus routes.

As a result of new information today from the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam:

- All individuals returning from international travel are to self-isolate for 14 days. As a result, any student or staff member who has travelled outside of Canada must self-isolate for 14 days and will not be permitted to attend school.
- Any child residing in a home where someone has returned from international travel in the last 14 days (or returns during this week) should remain at home.

We all have a personal and collective responsibility to protect ourselves and each other during this time.

As COVID-19 continues to evolve, PCSD decisions and responses will be guided by provincial and national government agencies that are best positioned to inform our decisions and to help navigate effective decision making.

Please continue to consult the Manitoba Coronavirus website, updated daily:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>

If you have further questions, please contact Pine Creek School Division Office, 204 385-6661.

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