



COVID-19 Information Update

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The Government of Alberta has released updated guidance documents for managing COVID-19 in schools. Key information for families is highlighted below.

Daily Health Checklist

- Alberta Health's Daily Checklist has been **updated with detailed guidance about what to do if your child is symptomatic**. Please ensure you are always accessing the most up-to-date checklist. [See it here](#).
- **CLARIFICATION:** The previous communication prepared by the Division and shared by schools last week incorrectly stated the isolation requirements for COVID-19 positive students. As per provincial guidance, **vaccinated** students who tested positive for COVID-19 may return to school after **five days or when symptoms resolve**, whichever is longer. **Unvaccinated students** who tested positive for COVID-19 may return to school after **ten days or when symptoms resolve**, whichever is longer.
- **Please do not send symptomatic children to school.**

Notification of Positive Cases

- As Alberta Health Services will no longer notify the Division of cases in schools, we request that parents notify school staff if their child tests positive for COVID-19.
- When the Division learns of a positive case, families of students in that class will be notified.
- The Division will monitor the number of self-reported cases along with absentee rates. Based on these factors, classes or grades may be moved to at-home learning if necessary.

Field Trips

- Off-site activities (ex. field trips for group physical activity, performance activities, or recreational activities) are not recommended and will be cancelled at this time.

Extracurricular Activities

- It is recommended that school authorities limit extracurricular sport tournaments and inter-school games at this time to reduce potential exposures to COVID-19.



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Extracurricular Activities (continued)

- Based on this recommendation, the Division has opted to pause extracurricular activities until January 17. During that time, the Division will collect and review feedback from school administration to determine whether or not extracurricular activities will resume or in what capacity.

Thank you to families for their continued support and assistance in keeping our school communities as safe as possible. Any additional information or updated guidance will be communicated as it becomes available. Should you have any questions, please contact your school directly.