

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

March 13, 2020



Our priority today, as always, is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. This is foremost on our minds as our Central Office Leadership Team digs deeper into the details of school operations during this unique global situation. Our schools remain open and are continuing their programming, but with a heightened vigilance on wellness protocols. In Chinook's Edge, some of the protocols we have augmented include:

- Students will be sent home if they have symptoms consistent with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and are asked to follow the advice of Alberta Health Services, particularly if they have travelled outside the country.
- As a school division, we are echoing Alberta Health Services' advice to everyone in Alberta to not travel outside the country at this time, because it is no longer possible to assess health risks for the duration of trips and it puts others at risk upon return. **Any staff, or students/families who return from travel outside the country on or after March 12, 2020 will be required to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school.** Health officials are not requiring staff or families who are living with someone who has traveled outside the country, to self-isolate unless the person who traveled begins to exhibit symptoms.
- All schools will have daytime custodial services in order to maintain high levels of sanitation throughout the day.
- Because we are changing our custodial time to support cleaning throughout the school day, we are suspending community use of our facilities until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may create, but allowing community use of our facilities to continue would put too much strain on our custodial staff. At this time we require all their energies to be focused on ensuring safe learning spaces for our students and staff.

All updates are now available on our [website](#) and we encourage you to check regularly for current information relative to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will continue to take our guidance from the experts at Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta.

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