



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

May 1, 2020

COVID-19 Update #14

While we work through this unprecedented time, the communications we are sending you are being created quickly as information comes in. With that in mind, please note that as the new information comes in, what might have been said in one communication may have changed in another. Our goal during this time is to keep the staff, students and parents of the Brandon School Division up to date with the latest information and ask for your patience as we work through this extraordinary time.

Key Message

- There are a total of 279 confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 cases in Manitoba.

Parent Resources

- The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) is an independent charity established in 2011 to improve the educational attainment of pupils in schools. The EEF aims to support teachers and senior leaders by providing evidence-based resources designed to improve practice and boost learning.
- [Talk with Trust](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Talk_with_TRUST_infographic_(1).pdf)
 - The infographic version
[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Talk with TRUST infographic \(1\).pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Talk_with_TRUST_infographic_(1).pdf)
 - The comic version
[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources for parents/Talk with TRUST comic.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Talk_with_TRUST_comic.pdf)

Playgrounds

- The Division is currently waiting for direction from Manitoba Education and Manitoba School Boards Association Risk Management regarding reopening playgrounds. We will have further communication on playgrounds next week, in the meantime, all play-structures and equipment on division properties remain closed until further notice. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the outdoor play equipment, please call Maintenance at 204-729-3980.

Graduation

- Our goal is to have the least disruption for the 2020 graduation process and convocation. Students will graduate in June and receive transcripts and diplomas.
- The timing of convocation ceremonies is still to be determined based on the guidance from the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer. We are committed to involving students and parents in the process as the situation develops.
- All safe grad committees should be planning to postpone (or possibly cancel) until they receive further direction from MB Public Health.

Accepting the Challenge

Graduating Students

- Brandon University is currently offering a **free application period until May 15** – they are waiving the usual Brandon University application fee during this time for all applicants.
- Students can still apply for the 2020-2021 year after May 15, 2020, but the regular application fee will be assessed.
- As a reminder, these are our deadlines:
 - Undergraduate
 - Domestic application deadline for September: August 15, 2020 (except Winnipeg campus – June 14, 2020)
 - International application deadline for January: August 1, 2020
 - Domestic application deadline for January: December 1, 2020
 - Graduate

Most graduate program applications have closed for 2020 – these are the exceptions:

 - MELS – accepting domestic applications for September until August 15, 2020
 - Rural Development – accepting domestic applications for January until August 31, 2020
 - Other Deadlines
 - Domestic B. Ed. AD application deadline for September: June 19, 2020
 - Domestic B.Sc. MH (Post Diploma) application deadline for September: June 1, 2020
- <https://www.brandonu.ca/future-students/apply/>
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