



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

March 13, 2020

Brandon School Division has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and following the expert advice of health authorities. The Public Health of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for the general population in Canada. While our region has not experienced the same level of risk as other jurisdictions, we started contingency plans in February as a proactive step. As a result of this planning, a number of preventative measures have been implemented to assist in managing the level of risk.

- Custodial training in best practices for disinfection of surfaces
- Increased frequency of disinfection of high touch surfaces
- Implementation of disinfecting procedures on buses twice per day
- Promotion of handwashing
- Increased signage for effective hand washing procedures
- Cancellation of international trips for students
- Cancellation of out of country travel for staff professional development
- Regular monitoring/consulting with Public Health

On March 12, 2020, Manitobans were recommended to use Social Distancing Strategies to limit the spread of COVID-19. While Brandon School Division is not aware of any confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 or confirmed contacts in the region, we believe we can play a major role in limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Brandon School Division is now implementing the additional preventative measures.

- Creation of a link on the Brandon School Division website for bulletins/updates to keep parents, students and staff informed
- Social media notifications when an update is posted on the website
- Cancellation of staff attendance at conferences
- Cancellation of out-of-province and overnight student trips
- Review upcoming off-site day trips regarding cancellation
- Cancellation of school assemblies and public events
- Restriction of school visitors
- Increase the frequency of high touch surfaces disinfection
- Provide further custodial training to reflect the increased cleaning expectations
- Provide students and staff with hygiene training: hand wash training with soap and water for at least 15 seconds; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; covering a cough or sneeze with a tissue; and appropriate disposal of tissue
- Instruct staff and students to stay at home when ill
- Instruct staff and students who are returning from traveling out of province to follow the health guidelines for self isolation and self monitoring
- Schools offer support to parents for distance learning opportunities if the parent decides to self isolate or increase the degree of social distancing for their child
- Provide resources to school staff and parents to assist in working with students that are experiencing anxiety over COVID-19

Brandon School Division will be continually monitoring this highly fluid situation and will be communicating with health authorities. Brandon School Division will provide regular updates through the website/social media.

Accepting the Challenge