

Superintendent of Schools

March 13, 2020

RE: COVID-19

Dear Rocky View Schools Learning Communities,

As you know, circumstances and Alberta Health Services (AHS) decisions surrounding COVID-19 are evolving rapidly. Rocky View Schools (RVS) is working diligently to respond to events as they unfold and offers you a March 13, 2020, update:

- Field Trips** As a precaution, RVS is cancelling all field trips until further notice. This includes all activities where students are taken off school property or the location where they regular receive their instruction, i.e. Building Futures, The Farm, etc.
- Self-Isolation** *Travel Related* – At the recommendation of AHS, **all students, volunteers and staff** travelling out-of-Canada will be directed to go into self-isolation for 14 days.
- Immunosuppressed Individuals* – All members of RVS' learning communities who are immunosuppressed are advised to contact their doctor to determine if self-isolation is required.
- Food Sharing** To minimize the risk of infection among students, immediately all breakfast, snack and lunch programs need to be adult served only, with proper sanitation protocols followed. Students should eat in small gatherings like classrooms, not in large groups. Wherever possible, prepackage food is recommended.
- Large Group Gatherings** AHS has directed Albertans to cancel all events with an expected attendance of more than 250 people.
- During School Hours* – At this time, schools may proceed with regular classroom activities that are occurring **during school hours**. However, activities involving multi-classroom gatherings, such as school assemblies are cancelled until further notice.
- After School Hours* – Events **outside of school hours** that include the regular student and staff population of the school (school clubs, practices, etc.) may also continue at this time, provided they do not



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include more than 250 people. However, activities that include members outside of the regular student and staff populations, such as spring concerts and award ceremonies are cancelled until further notice. **Graduation** banquets and ceremonies are under review.

Athletic and Sporting Events – All school team sports are cancelled until further notice.

School Council Meetings & Community Use of Facilities – All face-to-face school council meetings and community use of RVS facilities are cancelled until further notice.

Thank you for your continued support. As developments unfold both globally and locally regarding COVID-19, we will provide ongoing updates.

Sincerely,



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C/O Greg Luterbach, Superintendent of Schools