



Friday, November 13, 2020

COVID-19 has created many challenges and the recent Provincial announcement to move the entire Province to Critical Level Red on the Pandemic Response System is impacting many families. As directed by the Province, schools continue to remain in Restricted Level Orange.

Thank-you to the almost 800 families that completed our recent Temporary Remote Learning Survey for K-8 families. As we indicated, our move to Temporary Remote Learning would be based on three important criteria: a significant increase in student absenteeism, increased cases in the school community, and expressions of interest from our students and families. In reviewing all of these data points we feel now is the time to initiate the steps to enable Temporary Remote Learning.

Schools have been through significant and rapid changes and moving to Temporary Remote Learning for some of our families requires additional planning at the school level. As such we are announcing that **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be no classes for students**. This day will be used as a collaborative planning day for staff at the school to prepare and plan for Temporary Remote Learning.

**Schools will be reaching out to formally register those families** who want and can support Temporary Remote Learning. The Province is allowing Temporary Remote Learning for K-8 students only. Families that select this option will continue in Temporary Remote Learning until the Province moves schools out of Restricted Level Orange. Schools will begin rolling out Temporary Remote Learning during the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

Public health officials are also advising the Southern Health-Sante Sud region that anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are an essential worker required to wear PPE while at work such as health-care workers or first responders. For information on self-isolation, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2).

We strongly encourage everyone to follow Public Health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We need to physically distance, wash our hands, wear our masks and stay home when sick.

Respectfully,

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