

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents Regarding COVID-19 Related School Closures.

- **ASD-E is working in consultation with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) regarding the current school closures and how it will affect the academic year. These messages will be updated as we receive information on this continuously evolving situation.**
- **ASD-E shares the concerns of our school communities and staff pertaining to health and safety. We will continue to take all of the precautions recommended by the Department of Health pertaining to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.**
- **The health and safety of our students and staff remains our primary priority.**

1) Why are schools closed for two weeks?

- **Schools are closed under the direction of the Minister of Education with the support of the Department of Health due to the ongoing COVID-19 Global Pandemic. This closure will be reassessed on an ongoing basis.**

2) Can my child attend Co-Op?

- **Co-Op is considered a school course therefore students are not able to attend their placement. All Co-Op placements are cancelled during this two week closure.**

3) Will Home-Hospital Tutoring continue during the closure?

- **All Home-Hospital Tutoring will be cancelled during the closure.**

4) Will the closure impact my Child & Youth Appointment?

- **Your child's health and safety including their mental health is our priority. Students will continue to be supported. Parents can contact your C&Y Team Member to determine location. If you do not know their number please call the number affiliated with your family of schools to arrange:
BMHS and MHS: 856-2922
HTHS and TRHS: 869-6170
RHS, CRHS, JMA and PRS: 869-6095**

5) What are the expectations for school work during the closure?

- **For the time being expectations are similar to that of a "snow day". There will no additional assignments sent to students during the two week closure.**

6) Will schools be providing assignments/online learning?

- **EECD is exploring the possibility of developing resources for students that will become available should the closure progress beyond the current two weeks.**

7) Are field trips cancelled?

- **All field trips are cancelled until the end of March. We will reassess the remainder of the year at the end of the closure.**

8) Are out of Province/International school trips cancelled?

- **All International trips are cancelled until the end of the year. We are still waiting for a decision on out of Province trips. We will update when the information becomes available.**

9) Will report card dates be impacted by the closure?

- **At this time the dates have not been impacted. If that changes we will update you.**

10) Will the two week closure impact my child's marks?

- **No.**

11) Will this closure impact my child's potential to graduate?

- **This two week closure will not impact graduation eligibility. We will reassess should the closure extend beyond two weeks.**

12) Will this closure affect graduations and prom events?

- **This two week closure will not affect graduations or prom events.**

13) Will this closure impact post-secondary applications and scholarship applications?

- **We do not believe there will be an impact, however it is best to check with your post-secondary institution or scholarship provider.**

14) Will this closure impact the length of the school year? ie: will it be extended into the summer?

- **We have not received this direction from the Minister of Education.**

15) Are daycares/early learning and childcare facilities closed?

- **Currently these facilities are remaining open.**

16) Do I still have access to the school building during this closure?

- **No.**

17) Are school related activities impacted by this closure? (Sports, Drama, Home & School meetings, etc.)

- **All activities during this two week closure are cancelled.**

18) Where do I go to get more information about school closures?

- **For school closure questions you may call 1-844-288-3888**

19) Will Provincial Assessments be impacted by this closure?

- **No.**

20) Are there resources for me to access information on how to talk to my children about COVID-19?

- **We are currently developing these resources and will have them available shortly.**

21) I'm going to take an international trip with my children during the closure. Will my children be allowed to return to school when we get back?

- **The exclusion period is still in effect. Your child will not be allowed to return to school for 14 days when you arrive home. Please follow public health's self-monitoring recommendations for symptoms and only call 811 if you or your child are experiencing symptoms.**