



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

- ASDS 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 through school connects, Twitter, Facebook and the District Website as we receive information on this continuously evolving situation.
- ASDS 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 authority of an all-party committee of government with the support of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Jennifer Russell due to the ongoing COVID-19 Global Pandemic. This closure will be reassessed on an ongoing basis.

2) Can my child attend Co-Op or Distance learning?

- Co-Op and distance learning are considered school courses therefore students will not be required to attend their placement or access on-line course material.

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

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

4) 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 be no additional assignments sent to students during the two-week closure.

5) 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.

6) Are field & activity trips cancelled?

- All trips and activities are cancelled during the closure. We will reassess the remainder of the year at the end of the closure.

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

- All International trips are cancelled until the end of the year. All interprovincial trips have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

8) 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.

9) Will the two-week closure impact my child’s marks?

- No.

10) Will this closure impact my child’s potential to graduate?

- This two-week closure will not affect students who are on a successful graduation path.

11) Will this closure affect graduations ceremonies and prom events?

- This two-week closure will not affect graduations ceremonies or prom events at this time.

12) Will this closure impact post-secondary applications and scholarships?

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

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

- We have not received any direction from the Minister of Education on this topic.

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

- Currently these facilities are remaining open.

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

- No. If an extenuating circumstance exists such as medication inside a school please contact your education centre.

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

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

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

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

18) Will Provincial Assessments be impacted by this closure?

- Not at this time.

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

- Resources have been posted on the Anglophone South School district website.

20) 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 calendar days following your arrival home. Please follow public health's self-monitoring recommendations for symptoms and only call 811 if you or your child are experiencing.