



Lloydminster Catholic
School Division



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Dear Parents,

As you know the Covid-19 virus has continued to spread in affected areas over the last week. We would like to update you with regard information that School Divisions have received. We are aware that the World Health Organization has declared the Covid-19 a pandemic and a number of public gatherings are being cancelled nationally and internationally.

In Alberta the Ministry of Health continues to advise that the risk is "low". There have been 2600 people tested for the virus with 19 cases being positive as of yesterday. You can obtain updates about the cases in Alberta at <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>. In Saskatchewan, there have been 301 tests with one case presumptively positive in the Province. The Ministry of Health in Saskatchewan also advises that the health risk is low for the general population. You can obtain updates from the Province of Saskatchewan at www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus

In Lloydminster schools, there are no current cases of Covid-19. However, we are aware that this situation can change. We are also actively teaching good hand washing and hygiene for our students. Our School Custodial Staff is also undertaking enhanced cleaning protocols in our schools.

In terms of isolation of cases, As of March 11th, Public Health officials in Saskatchewan are advising all travelers to self-monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days after returning to Canada and are instructed to self-isolate if symptoms develop. **It should be clear that this direction is only for situations where symptoms develop.**

In the case of travelers returning from Italy, China, Iran or other countries with a "level three advisory" individuals are directed to self isolate whether or not symptoms are apparent.


We continue to monitor this situation and keep in close contact with Government to ensure that the best information is provided to our school and parent communities. We are also aware that today a case has been reported in Elk Island Public Schools and are monitoring this situation.

For further information a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the virus is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/frequently-asked-questions.html>.

We appreciate the support and care that the staff of LPSD and LCSD provides to all of Lloydminster's children each day and will look forward to keeping you informed as information becomes available to us.

Sincerely yours,


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