

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Background

The Division is committed to the safety and well being of all students, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors. Working closely with health partners and community and provincial stakeholders, the Division will help to minimize the spread of disease and societal disruption during a pandemic. The Division's pandemic plan includes creating awareness of prevention and infection control measures, as well as sustaining core educational activities in our communities throughout the pandemic in order to minimize societal disruption.

Procedures

1. The priority during a pandemic is to keep schools open as long as it is safe to do so or unless otherwise advised or directed by public health authorities or government agencies.
2. In the event that the health and safety of all interested parties, as noted above, is at risk, the Division will consider school and site closures.
3. The Superintendent will develop, implement and monitor a Division Influenza Pandemic Plan to facilitate business continuity, student education, communication, training, and staff coordination.
4. The Superintendent will report regularly on the status of plan implementation in the event of an influenza pandemic outbreak in North America.

Reference: Section 8, 18, 20, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Emergency Medical Aid Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Health Information Act
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Personal Information Protection Act
Public Health Act
Communicable Disease Regulation 238/1985