

ALBERTA HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Background

Elk Island Catholic is committed to serve the children and parents within the context of Catholic teachings and traditions. The Board and schools are complimentary to the family, and the family is the primary agent for the child's formation.

Procedures

1. The Division confirms that parents or guardians are the primary educators and decision-makers for health care matters for their children, and the decision to receive health care services is a parental responsibility. The Division does not endorse any of the vaccines, processes, or health care activities administered by Alberta Health Services and defers to Alberta Health Services to determine the public health benefits.
2. The Division recognizes that neither it nor its employees possess the expertise nor health care knowledge to determine the health care services to be directly provided to our students within our school communities. Alberta Health Services are community partners in serving our students and will provide assistance as necessary to care for our students.
3. For the purpose of contacting parents regarding voluntary health programs offered by Alberta Health Services, including immunization, hearing, vision, speech and dental health programs, and for the purpose of communicable disease control, a principal shall, at the written request of a Medical Officer of Health, disclose to the Medical Officer:
 - 3.1. a student's name, address, date of birth, gender, and school; and
 - 3.2. the name, address and telephone number of the student's parent or guardian.
4. Specifically, the Division recognizes that all immunizations must be wholly voluntary, parental or guardian consent must be granted, and appropriate educational information must be provided with respect to each immunization to parents or guardians before consent is requested.
5. The Division may authorize the use of its facilities by Alberta Health Services for the purpose of delivering health care services or programs.

Reference: *Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c P-37*