

Dear families,

As new information regarding COVID-19 continues to emerge in the media, many of our families have expressed concerns and raised questions about COVID-19, how the Division is responding and its preparedness measures. The health and safety of all students, staff and school communities is our top priority. As such, the Division is working with the province and closely monitoring the current situation with regards to COVID-19.

In addition, EIPS has created guidelines for both schools and families to follow in response to the virus and has developed recommendations for those planning to travel over the spring break. These documents are available below, on the Division website and all school websites.

[EIPS: COVID-19 Preparedness](#)

[COVID-19: Guidelines for Principals, Directors and Division Staff](#)

[Travel Recommendations: Spring break](#)

These websites are continually updated as new information becomes available. As such, we ask all EIPS families to refer to these links before calling their school with questions and concerns. We also encourage families not to rely on non-government sources for information about COVID-19, as misinformation abounds on the internet. The best sources for information include [Alberta Health](#), the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [World Health Organization](#).

Over the coming days and weeks, EIPS will continue to keep schools and families updated and advised if any additional precautionary measures are necessary.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Sincerely,  
Elk Island Public Schools