

Good evening Elk Island Public School Families,

Tonight, the Government of Alberta announced new measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. Effective immediately, all classes from kindergarten to Grade 12 are cancelled until further notice. The government has also announced the cancellation of all licensed childcare facilities, out-of-school care programs and preschool programs. Attached you will find the message sent to school divisions from Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education.

We wish to reassure families that despite this significant disruption, the Minister of Education has indicated every K-12 student will receive a final mark for the 2019-20 school year, and students will progress to their next grade level next year. Meanwhile, diploma exams essential for post-secondary acceptance will continue as scheduled—although the format of how those exams will be offered has not yet been determined. As such, teachers and other school staff will continue to work to ensure these expectations are met, and EIPS will communicate with you again once we have a detailed plan for online learning.

Please know, our No. 1 priority is the health and safety of all students, staff and school communities. EIPS will continue to work with Alberta Education and the provincial health authority. We'll continue to keep our schools and families updated as information becomes available.

In the meantime, if you have any health-related questions, visit the province's website: [COVID-19 coronavirus info for Albertans](#) or call the Health Link 811.