

Coronavirus COVID-19 Memorandum #2: School Closures

March 13, 2020

In an effort to keep parents, students, and staff members apprised of the most up-to-date information and directives from the provincial authorities, I am providing a summary of the directives that were shared yesterday and today by Premier François Legault. In his address, Premier Legault stated “I am asking a lot...we have a major challenge and if we want to succeed I need the help of all Québécois.”

- **School Closures:** At a press conference this morning, Premier Legault issued a directive to close all schools, school daycares, CEGEPs, universities, and public and home daycares beginning **Monday, March 16th, for a two-week period, ending Friday, March 27th**. As the situation changes rapidly, further updates will be provided as information becomes available.

At this time the Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, M. Jean-François Roberge does not foresee any risk to the school year.

For employees of the Western Québec School Board, a separate memo will follow outlining specific directives.

- Anyone requiring information regarding their own health are now asked to call 1-877- 644-4545

Other Important Information from Premier Legault:

- **Travel Outside of Canada:** All employees of the health and education and family (day cares) sectors who have returned to Québec from outside of Canada are required to self-isolate for 14 days. This measure is applicable as of Thursday, March 12th and is not retroactive. This measure also applies to students who have returned from travel outside of the country (on or after March 11th, 2020). All other travelers returning from outside Canada are asked to voluntarily self-isolate for 14 days. Once again, this measure is applicable as of Thursday, March 12th and is not retroactive.
- **International Trips:** in light of the above-stated measure, the Western Québec School Board has cancelled all international school trips.
- **Gatherings of Over 250 People:** Premier Legault has ordered organizers of all events that attract over 250 people to cancel them.
- **Events That Are Not Deemed Essential:** Premier Legault has asked that all activities and events that are not essential be cancelled.
- **Field Trips Within Canada:** in light of the two above-stated measures regarding gatherings and non-essential activities, the Western Québec School Board has cancelled all field trips.
- **RSEQ:** le Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec (Outaouais) has cancelled all leagues and tournaments.



Sincerely,



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