

Date: November 24, 2020

Public Health Emergency and new COVID-19 measures

RE: Notice of new COVID-19 measures for all K to gr. 12 schools within the Horizon School Division

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Alberta's government introduced a series of mandatory COVID-19 measures that impact various sectors of our communities. The premier's announcement that we are now under a Public Health Emergency means that

- 1) Gr. 7-12 students will transition to scenario 3 (at home learning) on Nov 30 (Friday Nov 27 is the last day of school attendance). Students will partake in at home learning with their regular teacher until Jan 8. On Jan 11, gr. 7-12 classes will reconvene with in person attendance
- 2) Kindergarten to gr. 6 students will transition to scenario 3 (at home learning) after the Christmas break (from Jan 4 to Jan 8). On Jan 11, early learning to gr 6 students will reconvene with in person attendance
- 3) Diplomas are optional for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year. Families will have the ability to decide whether students write diplomas. Those not writing will be exempted and their school mark will be their final mark. Those wishing to write diplomas will continue to see a combined mark with the diploma weighing 30%

These provincial decisions were based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health and are intended to limit the spread of COVID-19. We understand parents, students, and staff will have questions and we encourage you to contact your school and visit our website for the most up to date information. We remain committed to providing detailed plans and information as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued flexibility and adaptability as we navigate this work.

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent of Schools