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COVID-19 Letter to Staff, Parents and Students

Subject: Postponement of Various Events & Community Use of Schools

To protect the health, safety and wellness of our students, staff and parents and the greater Alberta community, Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools is immediately cancelling the following:

- **School Field Trips, if the population where students gather is larger than the classroom's population**
- **All Public use of Division Facilities, including SCORES**

Infection control expectations

With the recent confirmation of a presumptive cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, it is vital that everyone maintain high levels of infection control. Regardless of your status as staff, student, contractor or visitor, if you are conducting Division business and/or attending any of our campuses, you are expected to follow basic precautions, and must:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if hands are not visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it in a garbage bin lined with a plastic bag.
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands immediately after coughing and/or sneezing.
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are shared and used often.

Yours in Catholic Education,



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Reference: Alberta Health Services <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16997.aspx>
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