

Questions and Answers

Will child care centres within schools remain open?

No. At this time, child care centres, Early Years programs and Before and After school programs will be closed in our schools beginning March 14 to April 5, 2020.

Will school based trips be cancelled?

Yes. All school-based excursions and field trips for the period of March 14 to April 5 are cancelled. This includes individual class excursions and the Liberation of the Netherlands trip.

Will athletic events such as OFSSA competitions and/or arts events such as exhibits, concerts and theatrical productions be cancelled?

Yes. All school related events have been cancelled for the period of March 14 to April 5.

Will the OSSLT scheduled for March 31 be cancelled?

OSSLT will not take place on March 31. More information will be provided once available from EQAO.

Will students be provided with online learning opportunities during the closure?

The Ministry of Education has indicated that they are working on resources that will be available online to support student learning during the closure. In keeping with the Ministry order, DCDSB teachers will not be involved in the delivery of these resources.

Will students be at risk of not graduating?

The board will work under the direction of the Ministry of Education to ensure that students can graduate.

Will this impact mid-term marks?

Students will not be penalized for missed work or assessments during this three-week period.

Will tests and assignments be postponed?

Test and assignments will not be required to be submitted during the closure. Information will be provided when regular instruction resumes.

Will this impact college and university applications?

We recommend that students check with individual colleges or universities to which they have applied.

Will Co-op placements continue during this time?

No. All Cooperative Education placements are suspended during this time. This includes Cooperative Education placements through Archbishop Anthony Meagher Catholic Continuing Education Centre.

Should students in Dual Credit programs attend their college/university classes?

No. All Alternative Education sites, including Reconnect, Return Ticket and Centre for Success classes are cancelled until April 5, 2020.

Will the school year be extended into the summer months?

The decision to extend the school year would be made by the Ministry of Education. At this time, school boards have not received this direction.

Are First Communion and Confirmation celebrations being postponed?

First Communion and Confirmation sacraments are administered through the church. Please consult with your local parishes for more information.

Will Adult and Continuing Education classes and programs continue?

No. All Adult and Continuing Education classes are cancelled until April 5, 2020. This includes International Language classes scheduled for Saturday, March 28 and Saturday, April 4.

Will International Language programs continue?

No, these classes are part of the Continuing Education program and are cancelled during this three-week period.

Will March Break programs/camps in schools continue?

March Break programs, including Community Use of Schools Permits are cancelled.

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Yes. All Community Use of Schools permits are cancelled for the three-week period.

Will the board cancel out of province trips?

All school excursions, including out of province travel, have been cancelled. This will be communicated directly to affected staff, students and families.

Is there any chance that schools will reopen sooner than April 5, 2020, if the situation improves?

At this time, the direction is to keep schools closed until April 5, 2020.

How can I help my child(ren) cope with the impact of COVID-19?

Our Student Services staff has compiled a resource to help alleviate stress. This resource is available at www.dcdb.ca/covid19

Are public meetings cancelled?

Yes. All public meetings will be cancelled between March 14 and April 5, 2020.