



COVID-19 Update

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Park West staff, students, and families,

A group of school and divisional personnel and employee representatives will meet on Monday to talk about our next steps in response to the COVID-19 threat. This will include planning for the two weeks when students are away from regular classes. With our new expectations for social distancing, this meeting will be held online from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This will be followed by a second online meeting with all divisional principals at 3:00 pm. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Given that we are returning to school and work tomorrow, I think it is important to address a few key items immediately:

- Any staff and students who are ill or who are exhibiting symptoms of illness are asked to stay at home this week.
- Any staff and students who may be at high-risk to exposure due to preexisting conditions are asked to stay at home this week. This includes individuals with respiratory conditions or serious medical issues such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.
- Any students and staff who have traveled internationally in the last two weeks (14 days), including to the United States, are asked to stay at home and self-isolate for this week. This includes any scheduled substitutes.
- Anticipating that there may be parents who choose to keep their children home this week, teachers are asked to suspend all major classroom assessments including tests, projects, etc. Parents who are planning to have students at home are asked to notify their respective schools directly.

We will continue to take direction from education and health authorities regarding any additional provincial or local measures.

Thank you,
Stephen David