

March 22, 2020

**TO: Superintendents  
 Secretary-Treasurers**

**FROM: Darren Thomas  
 Risk Manager**

**RE: CLOSURE OF PLAYSTRUCTURES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

In an effort to curtail the spread of COVID-19 virus, MSBA Risk Management is recommending that all Manitoba School Divisions close all play-structures on all school grounds effective immediately until further notice.

These structures are high touch areas and with the Public Health directive to maintain a 2 meter distance, we encourage parents and kids to use the open large spaces such as fields and parks.

Schools should be removing any equipment to limit it's usage that it can, such as swings. Signage should be placed near the structures where visible for visitors. Please see below for an example of suitable signage wording.

There will be a memo for all divisions to use for effective cleaning once this pandemic has passed.

Thank you!



Surface	Virus is viable for	Half life
Aerosols	3 hrs	66 mins
Plastics	3 days	6hrs, 49 mins
Stainless steel	3 days	5 hrs, 38 mins
Cardboard	24 hrs	3.5 hrs (high variable depending on the cardboard)
Copper	4 hrs	46 mins