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As you have all seen in the media, efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) are ongoing globally; including Canada.

The federal government has released recommendations for public schools. Within these recommendations, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) recommends that schools take standard respiratory illness precautions; the same precautions that are recommended every year for cold and influenza season.

- The recommendations may be found at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/guidance-schools-childcare-programs.html>

We have a collective responsibility, at both home and school, to help prevent the spread of communicable illnesses. While youth, who are generally in good health, seem to be more resilient to the effects of the virus, they may become carriers who can transmit it to others either directly or indirectly.

As a school division, we will be increasing our cleaning/disinfecting protocols within schools, focusing on common “high touch” surfaces such as doorknobs, faucets, etc. We will also be increasing our cleaning/disinfecting protocols for our school bus fleet.

As additional precautionary steps, staff and students are encouraged to:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds;
- Cough/sneeze into your elbow;
- Use alcohol based sanitizer if handwashing with soap is not possible;
- Not share food or drinks at school and;
- If you feel ill, stay home.

PRSD will continue to monitor the situation and will implement proper health and safety precautions and procedures to ensure the well-being of our staff and students.

Respectfully yours,

Terry M.J. Osiowy
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