

March 16, 2020

## **Memorandum #3: Covid-19 Ministry Directives**

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Earlier today, Premier Legault held a press conference, during which he provided an update regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic. Please take a few minutes to review the information provided below.

Please note that you will receive further updates as information and directives are provided from the provincial government.

### **Closing of Schools and Centres:**

All Western Québec School Board school buildings and centres will be closed to students and members of the public between now and March 27th. As per the directive of Premier Legault, there will be no access for parents or students at any time during this period.

### **Homework and Assignments:**

As per the Ministry directive, teachers will not provide homework or assignments to students during the two-week school/centre closure period; further, parents and students should not be contacting teachers during this period.

### **Daycare:**

The provincial government has designated a number of WQSB schools as emergency daycare centres. These centres have been set up to provide daycare for school-aged children of professionals working in essential services (ie. police, firefighters, paramedics, health care workers, etc.); services will only be offered to the above-listed professionals).

### **Other Recommendations from the Premier:**

- All Québec residents (those who are eligible) are encouraged to donate blood
- All Québec residents are asked to cancel all gatherings that are: a) unnecessary; b) slated to involve 50 people or more
- All Québec residents are asked to practice social distancing; that is to say individuals should maintain a distance of at least meter from others



**Important Links:**

Emergency Daycare Registration:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/>

Québec Coronavirus Information :

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>

Blood Donation (Héma-Québec):

<https://www.hema-quebec.qc.ca/index.en.html>

Western Quebec web-link...to access previous and most up-to-date memorandums re: COVID-19:

<https://westernquebec.ca/coronavirus/>



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