

# Christ the King School

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March 13, 2020

*Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,*

*As you know, the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization and as we now have our first confirmed case in Winnipeg, we want to assure the CTK school community that we have activated our school pandemic plan and we are monitoring the situation very closely. We are receiving timely information from Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living/ Shared Health and the Department of Manitoba Education and Training. Additionally, we are in close communication with the Superintendent of Manitoba Catholic Schools.*

*Today, public health officials are recommending social distancing strategies for all Manitobans, including:*

- *minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two metres) contact between other individuals in public;*
- *avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes;*
- *disinfecting frequently used surfaces;*
- *following public health advice related to self-monitoring and self-isolation if you have travelled or have been exposed to someone ill with the virus; and*
- *considering avoiding travel, crowded places and events, especially if you are at higher risk.*

We have put measures in place to strengthen our schools procedures:

- We have a Pandemic Planning Team Committee, who is meeting as needed to discuss developments and implications for the school.
- Manitoba Catholic Schools issued a policy directive: *Pandemic Planning and Response Directive for Manitoba Catholic Schools*. Please see attached PDF of the policy.
- Staff have reviewed the aforementioned policy.
- We have postponed School Mass and field trips for the Month of March.
- Bingo has been cancelled until further notice.
- Desks have been spaced out.

If you or your child have symptoms of a respiratory illness or fever (regardless of travel), even if mild, please stay home until all symptoms are gone.

If your family chooses to travel over the next few weeks, please be very mindful of changing dynamics and self-isolate for 14 days if you have any concerns about exposure. This is particularly true if you are travelling internationally. The teaching staff will be working on ways to provide programming to students who can not attend school due to illness or quarantine. (Please see Mr. Praznik's letter emailed earlier today).

*We remind our school community of the importance of the following prevention measures:*

- *Washing your hands regularly with warm water and soap for at least 15 seconds*
- *Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough or sneeze into your sleeve*

- *Don't share items, e.g. instruments with mouthpieces, water bottles, utensils, etc.*
  - *Keep hands away from mouth, nose and eyes*
  - *Avoiding close contact (within 2 meters/ 6 feet) with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness (coughing/ sneezing)*
  - *Stay home when sick*  
*Seek medical attention when necessary*
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- Teachers are reviewing hand-washing procedures with all students.
  - We have hand sanitizer in all classes, washrooms, office and foyer area.
  - Extra cleaning supplies such as handsoap, hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes have been purchased and are available for the entire school.
  - We have increased disinfecting of surfaces and door handles are part of the building maintenance routine.
  - We have posters up to alert everyone to proper cough/sneeze protocol, as well as handwashing.
  - Teaching videos have been used in early years regarding coughing/sneezing and handwashing.

*Should a student become ill while at school, the student is to go to the office and the parent/guardian will be called to pick their child up immediately. Please make every effort to arrive ASAP.*

*The following links are helpful.*

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/>

*Manitobans are strongly advised to review travel plans given the evolving risk throughout many parts of the world and Canada. Frequently review the Government of Canada's COVID-19 related travel advisories at [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html).*

*Outbreak Updates:*

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a3](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a3).

*We remain vigilant about monitoring this pandemic and impact to our school community. We will continuously review our plan as this situation evolve and will communicate decisions with you.*

*May God bless and keep our community and the global community in His watchful care.*

*On behalf of Christ the King School Board and Administration.*

Laura Carreiro,



Principal