

PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Background:

The Division, in co-operation with the provincial government and Alberta Health Services, supports efforts to minimize a pandemic and its disruption to the operational activities of the Division. Administrators and staff are expected to ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources for the maximum benefit and protection of students, staff and facilities.

Procedures:

1. In the event Alberta Health Services identifies evidence of a significant influenza or other infectious disease outbreak in the region, the Superintendent has the authority to make final decisions regarding crisis response, as guided by the Division Emergency Response Plan (available through [Hour Zero online](#)). When a state of emergency is declared by a Ministry of the Alberta Government, the particular ministry will have such authority.
2. The Superintendent will communicate a standard set of response protocols for dealing with a pandemic to ensure members of administration and staff are familiar with roles and processes in the event of an outbreak.
3. In accordance with directives emanating from federal and provincial health authorities and the consequent circumstances that may prevail, the Superintendent may temporarily suspend the Division's current practices and operating guidelines.

Reference:

Section 3, 11, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 *Education Act*
Emergency Medical Aid Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Health Information Act
Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulation and Code
Public Health Act
Communicable Disease Regulation (AR 238/85)