



Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

As you are aware, we have cases of COVID-19 in our community. In the last few days, staff and families have been advised of students and staff at SSES and DGJS who tested positive and were at school during their infectious period. Updated information shared by public health officials advises that there are positive cases of COVID-19 at GHS also.

Given the present, significant impact of the virus, all schools in Gimli (SSES, DGJS and GHS) will be closed on Monday, April 19, 2020. School closure will provide an opportunity for those who are awaiting test results to get results back, permit public health to complete their investigation, allow time for additional cleaning of our schools, and determine the best path forward in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Public Health.

At this time of heightened concern, please

- consider limiting further those contacts you have with members outside your household,
- be especially diligent about staying home when sick, even when symptoms are mild,
- carefully follow public health guidance (i.e. masks, handwashing, etc.) as much as possible
- use the screening tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> to determine if a COVID test is required.

In the event any student or staff member tests positive for the virus, we ask that the school principal be notified immediately by phone or email so that the Division can begin contact tracing.

Additional information will follow from the Division following communication with the Medical Officer of Public Health tomorrow.

Stay safe,

Roza Gray
Superintendent and CEO