



Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents / Caregivers:

As you are aware, our schools have been significantly affected by cases of COVID-19. Several staff and students, and their respective families have been identified as close contacts, have tested positive, or are required to self-isolate in accordance with public health guidelines.

In consultation with Public Health and Manitoba Education, Evergreen School Division will move all schools in Gimli to remote learning through April 30. This applies to Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School, Dr. George Johnson Middle School, and Gimli High School.

We are grateful for your understanding and patience while our colleagues, students, friends and neighbours attempt to return to health and some degree of normalcy.

Some additional information that you may require:

- 1. Critical Service Workers:** We ask parents of students in K-6 (or under 12 years of age) to let us know if they are critical service workers who cannot make alternative arrangements for childcare. A letter from the School Division will follow with additional information and a link to an online form.
- 2. Learning from home:** Communication about remote learning will come directly from your school and/or teacher. Remote learning will begin as soon as possible as school and division staff complete their work with public health.
- 3. Bus Transportation:** At this time, bussing will be limited to the children of critical services workers only. Families for whom this applies will be contacted within a few days, with transportation expected to begin no earlier than Monday, April 26th.

We appreciate the support of the community as we navigate this challenge and hope for a quick recovery for all those affected. Our staff will continue to adapt as this situation evolves and will continue to do their absolute best to support the learning and well-being of our students.

Stay safe and healthy,

Roza Gray
Superintendent and CEO