

HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Background

The Division, in cooperation with the provincial government and Alberta health authorities, supports efforts to minimize emergency health issues and their disruption to learning and the operational activities of the Division. Division staff are expected to ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources for the maximum benefit to learning and protection of students, staff and facilities.

Procedures

1. When a state of emergency is declared by Government, the government or ministry will have such authority to implement health measures. Applicable states of emergency can be found in the [Education Act, Section 3.1\(1\)](#).
2. Every student has a right to education during emergencies declared under clause 1. above and as per the [Education Act, Section 3.1\(2\)](#).
3. The Division must ensure that parental notification and consent take place in emergencies declared under clause 1. above as per the [Education Act, Section 3.2\(1\)](#). Exemptions thereto are in [Education Act, Section, 3.2\(2\)](#).
4. In accordance with directives emanating from federal and provincial authorities and the consequent circumstances that may prevail, the Superintendent may temporarily suspend the Division's current practices and operating guidelines.

Reference: *Education Act*