
Purpose/Background

The Division, in cooperation with the provincial government and Alberta Health Services (AHS), supports efforts to minimize a pandemic and its disruption to the operational activities of the Division. The 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 that AHS identifies evidence of a significant health outbreak in the region, the Superintendent has the authority to make final decisions regarding crisis response consistent with guidance provided by AHS, Government of Alberta, and relevant ministries. 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 that members of administration and staffs are familiar with roles and processes in the event of an outbreak.
3. 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 Sections 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222
- Emergency Medical Aid Act
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Health Information Act
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Public Health Act
- Communicable Disease Regulation (AR 238/85)