

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 166
	Pandemic Emergency Response
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Background

The Division is committed to the safety and well-being of all students, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors. Working closely with health partners and community and provincial stakeholders, the Division will help to minimize the spread of disease and societal disruption during a pandemic. The Division’s pandemic plan includes creating awareness of prevention and infection control measures; as well as sustaining core educational activities in our communities throughout the pandemic in order to minimize societal disruption.

Procedures

1. The priority during a pandemic is to keep schools open as long as it is safe to do so or unless otherwise advised or directed by public health authorities or government agencies.
2. In the event that the health and safety of all interested parties, as noted above, is at risk, the Division will consider school and site closures.
3. The Superintendent will develop, implement and monitor a [Division Pandemic Plan \(AP 166 Appendix\)](#) to facilitate business continuity, student education, communication, training and staff coordination.
4. The Superintendent will report regularly on the status of plan implementation in the event of a pandemic outbreak in North America.