

## Novel Coronavirus Update (as of Feb 7, 2020)

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has released an update regarding the current status of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a new virus that causes respiratory illness. Attached you will find a letter for parents and staff from AHS, as well as information about self-isolation. AHS has provided this material in English, French, Traditional Chinese and Simple Chinese.

While we know that the **current risk of this virus impacting Albertans is low and that there are no confirmed or probable cases in the province**, we also know that it is still influenza season. As it is always wise to minimize the spread of any infection, the AHS makes the following recommendations:

- Make sure everyone in your household washes their hands with soap and water often. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if hands are not visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it in a garbage bin lined with a plastic bag. Wash your hands immediately after that. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
- If your children are sick, keep them home from school.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are used often and shared by everyone in your home.

To receive the most up-to-date information about Novel Coronavirus, check in with reliable resources like the Public Health Agency of Canada, the World Health Organization, and the AHS, who will be updating the following websites:

- [www.alberta.ca/coronavirus](http://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus)
- [www.ahs.ca/ncov](http://www.ahs.ca/ncov)

Please be assured that Holy Spirit Catholic School Division will continue to monitor this situation closely and will respond rapidly to any further advice received from Alberta Health Services.

Sincerely,

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[English - AHS Letter to Parents re nCoV.pdf](#)

[English - Self Isolation Information Sheet.pdf](#)

[French - AHS Letter to Parents re nCoV.pdf](#)

[French - Self Isolation Information.pdf](#)

[Simplified Chinese - AHS Letter to Parents re nCoV.pdf](#)

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