

Administrative Procedure 166 – Pandemic Response

Background

The Division, in cooperation with the provincial government and Alberta Health Services, 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 Alberta Health Services identifies evidence of a pandemic event in the region, the Superintendent has the authority to make final decisions regarding crisis response, as guided by the Division's *Incident Response Plan*. 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 in an *Incident Response Plan* for dealing with a pandemic to ensure that members of administration and staff 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: Section 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222, Education Act
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)

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