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14. PANDEMIC PLANNING AND RESPONSE

- 14.1 The health and safety of staff and students is of primary importance and as such, it is understood that the education sector could be faced with numerous challenges in a pandemic influenza.
- 14.2 If health or safety becomes a concern, the member board's senior staff will consider recommending the closure of specific sites. Special arrangements may be necessary for medically-at-risk students and staff as soon as the pandemic is declared in Ontario. It is also possible that the local Medical Officer of Health may make recommendations regarding the closure of individual schools or all schools.
- 14.3 In terms of preparing for the impact of a pandemic, it is not inconceivable that up to 40 – 60% of the workforce may be absent due to the effects of the virus on individuals and families; **it should be noted that while the schools are open during a declared pandemic, normal program expectations and service levels may not be met. Parents/guardians will be advised to keep students with influenza-like-illness at home until they no longer have a fever and are well.**

Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures

- AP.01.81 Inclement Weather, School Closure, and Emergency Evacuation Transportation Arrangements
- AP.03.14 Pandemic Planning and Response Procedure

Related RCJTC Forms

- F.01.81. A Communication Procedures for System Wide Transportation Cancellations
- F.01.81. B Communication Procedures for General Area Transportation Cancellations
- F.01.81. C Communication Procedures for Individual Route Cancellations
- F.01.81. D Communication Procedures for Individual Route Delays
- F.01.81. E Communication Procedures for Individual Vehicle Breakdowns
- F.01.81. F Communication Procedures for the Transportation Service Sector During Emergency School Closure and/or Early/Late Dismissal