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Dear Chester Ronning School Community,

As I am sure you are aware, the Alberta Government has declared a public health state of emergency as we continue to grapple with the current wave of this pandemic. As of yesterday, September 16, Alberta schools faced immediate mandates as a result of the declaration. The new rules and expectations can be read in their entirety on the [Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca) website. Our school division's updated information will be available on the [BRSD.ab.ca](https://www.brsd.ab.ca) website by Monday, September 20.

Chester Ronning School was well prepared for the possibility of increased restrictions and our teachers worked extremely hard to quickly adjust to the immediate requirements. For the most part, current adjustments are a return to some of the measures used last year to ensure the safety of our school community. Our updated protocols and procedures can be found on our [school website](#) and we will update them accordingly as new information comes out and as we learn ways to improve. Currently, the biggest changes we will face have to do with increased expectations for cohorting students in elementary school. Students will stay together in their classroom groups throughout the day, including at lunch and recess times. Additionally, students will no longer be permitted to play on the playgrounds before and after school, as we are expected to maintain cohorts from the beginning to the end of each day.

Families can help us to successfully navigate these challenges in a few ways. Ensuring that the [Daily Self Assessment](#) is used and that students with symptoms are kept at home is the most important action that can be taken to help protect our school community. By dropping your children off as close as possible to 8:35 am and picking them up promptly after school makes it so much easier for us to manage cohorts. And, by communicating with teachers and administrators, we can all help each other through this. These certainly are difficult times but we've navigated similar challenges before and we will get through it this time as well!

Yours in Education,

Reid Lansing