

COVID 19 – UPDATE #9 (April 7)

Welcome back!

I hope everyone was able to find some time over the break to rest and recharge. We are all in the process of relearning our craft and I am sure it is a very daunting and exhaustive experience. I am hopeful you are recharged and ready for the challenges ahead.

There was one major development over spring break - the provincial government has announced that classes have been suspended indefinitely.

Indefinite class suspension has caused some uncertainty for members. In response to that uncertainty The Manitoba Teachers' Society has produced a FAQ document addressing some concerns. Please follow the link to access that document.

<http://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2020/03/31/classes-suspended-indefinitely/>

The announcement comes as little surprise when provinces across Canada had already made the same decision. For most of us it will change nothing. In the short term we will continue to educate our students to the best of our ability. We are all finding our groove working from home and I hope you are having some success in reaching your students.

Check out the advice MTS has created for members teaching from home:

<http://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2020/04/06/advice-to-members/>

There are many teachers across the province who are finding very ingenious ways to reach their students. MTS has highlighted a few of these ideas:

<http://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2020/03/24/teaching-continues/>

If you or someone you know is doing something extraordinary to reach their students, we would love to hear about it. We are all facing similar challenges and in difficult times it is especially important to share our successes. If we share best practices that will mean a stronger education system across the division and the province. Please let us know what you are doing to reach your kids and parents.

Whether you are a classroom teacher, a specialist, a clinician, or school administrator, we are all educators and your Association is here to serve you. Please continue to reach out to us with your questions and concerns.

We are all in this together!

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