

CIRCULAR

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To: Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) facilities

Subject: Remote Learning Period for Schools Jan. 4 to 15, 2021 (optional for K-6)

Program(s): Early Learning and Child Care Program

Type: Information only

Effective Date: Immediately

In order to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 as a result of potential close contacts through the winter break period, Manitoba Education announced today that remote learning will be in place for two weeks beginning January 4, 2021 for students in grades 7 -12.

For students in Kindergarten through grade 6, families will be able to choose whether to keep their child at home and have them learn remotely, or attend regular, in-person classroom learning.

Remote learning will be required for students in grades 7 through 12, except for any grade 7 to 12 students with special needs that must be accommodated in the school or classroom setting.

At this time no additional restrictions are being put in place for child care. Facilities should continue to operate in accordance with the current public health direction. For operational updates and directives, visit: <u>Manitoba Families COVID-19</u> <u>Notices and Circulars</u>.

We appreciate child care facilities' commitment to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and maintaining a safe environment. Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the current public health crisis.

If you have any questions, please email <u>cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca</u> or call 204-945-0776 or 1-888-213-4754 (toll-free).

Sincerely, Early Learning and Child Care Program