



# Bluewater District School Board

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## **School Closures (COVID-19) – Q and A**

The following applies to the closure period of March 14 to April 5, 2020 as issued by Ministerial Order by the provincial government.

### **Adult Education**

**Q. Will Adult Education be impacted?**

A. The Adult Education program will not run.

### **Before and After School Programs/Child Care Centres**

**Q. Will before and after school programs run?**

A. Before and after school programs will be cancelled.

**Q. Will child care centres be open?**

A. Child care centres in schools will be closed. This does not include stand-alone sites.

### **Board/Committee Meetings**

**Q. Will board and committee meetings occur?**

A. Board and committee meetings will be cancelled.

### **Board Facilities**

**Q. What board facilities will be closed from March 14 to April 5?**

A. Elementary schools  
Secondary schools  
BWDSB Education Centre  
Outdoor Education Centre  
Maintenance Shop

## **Community Use of Schools/Permits**

**Q. Will school permits be cancelled/issued?**

**A.** All permits will be cancelled/not issued.

## **Co-op Placements/Dual Credits**

**Q. How will co-op placements/dual credit/OYAP programs be handled?**

**A.** Our teachers will not be involved in any school-based/OYAP/dual credit programs.

**Q. Will students accumulate co-op hours during this period?**

**A.** Students will not accumulate co-op hours during this period.

**Q. Are students expected to participate in dual credit programs during this period?**

**A.** Students will not be participating in any dual credit programs, including Level 1 Apprenticeship training, during this period.

## **Custodial/Maintenance**

**Q. Will deep cleaning occur in schools and board sites during the closures?**

**A.** Precautionary deep cleaning will occur in schools and board sites during March Break.

## **Extracurriculars**

**Q. Will extracurricular activities occur?**

**A.** Extracurriculars (i.e. athletic/artistic competitions) occurring in our schools and facilities are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

## **Field Trips**

**Q. What is the status of field trips?**

**A.** All field trips (international and otherwise) are cancelled for the foreseeable future. This will be re-evaluated following the order period.

## **March Break Camps in Schools**

**Q. Will March Break camps occur in schools?**

**A.** March Break camps in schools will be cancelled.

## **OSSLT**

**Q. What happens with the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) scheduled for March 31?**

**A.** The OSSLT will not be written on March 31.

## **Return to School on April 6**

**Q. Will screening occur when students and staff return on April 6?**

**A.** School board staff will not be screening. Screening falls under the purview of the Ministry of Health.

## **Special Education**

**Q. Will supports be provided to families with children in special education?**

**A.** Special education support will not be provided. We are contacting community agencies to share our protocols.

## **Student Learning**

**Q. Will BWDSB eLearning courses continue?**

**A.** We are awaiting further information from the provincial government. Teachers may follow appropriate communication protocols with students.

**Q. Will BWDSB teachers be providing additional work for students during this period?**

**A.** No. The Ministry of Education may be providing additional learning resources on their website during this period.

## **Transportation**

**Q. How will transportation be impacted?**

**A.** School buses will not run from March 14 to April 5.