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## Regional Executive Director of Education

April 22, 2021

Families:

As part of the COVID-19 briefing today at 3:30 pm, an [announcement](#) was made that all schools in the **Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour and Dartmouth High Families of Schools** will close to students at the end of day today (Thursday, April 22). We will pivot to at-home learning for a period of two weeks in these schools.

If you are receiving this message, your child attends one of these schools. For a breakdown of schools by family, [click here](#).

### ***What do you need to know?***

Some schools have already been supporting students with at-home learning this week due to closure. They will continue to do so. For those schools starting closure tomorrow, online learning will begin on Wednesday, April 28.

Staff will work from school unless directed to self-isolate by Public Health. You can expect a combination of real-time instruction delivered by teachers and self-directed learning. Students will have opportunities to engage virtually with their peers, their teachers, and all other supports. For more information about at-home learning, [click here](#).

If you are looking for information about curriculum, physical activity, mental health or for technology support, [click here](#). I would also encourage you to visit <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool/> where you can find information and resources for you and your family.

If your family is in need of food as a result of this closure, please call 211. A navigator will be able to help by arranging for a food box to be delivered to your home free of charge by Feed Nova Scotia.

### ***How can we stop the spread of COVID-19?***

Please continue to monitor yourself, and your child(ren) daily for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, using Nova Scotia's daily checklist at: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/Daily-COVID-checklist-en.pdf>.

Get tested. Public Health is encouraging everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19, even if you have no symptoms or only mild symptoms. Visit the Nova Scotia Health Authority website for [more information about testing](#).

Thanks to everyone for following the Public Health guidelines that have allowed students in Nova Scotia to be in school this year. Keep it up—we'll get there again.

Stay well and stay safe. Your next update will come from your child's teacher/school.

**Together, we've got this.**

With thanks,



Elwin LeRoux,  
Regional Executive Director of Education