

Home education update

Learning during COVID-19

Effective January 25, 2021, home education students can participate in joint home education co-op activities / supportive group learning environments outside of their homes while following health measures that also apply to schools.

A number of public health measures remain in place, including [CMOH Order 42-2020](#) that prohibits social gatherings in homes. Please note that under this order, home education gatherings are not permitted in homes at this time.

Required health measures for joint learning activities

- Parents and students engaging in joint learning activities with other home education families outside of their homes must use the appropriate [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) and follow recommendations of the Zone Medical Officer of Health or designate, including having an adult within each cohort to identify close contacts should there be a case of COVID-19 identified within the cohort.
- Parents and students choosing to engage in joint learning activities with other home education families outside of their homes, (e.g., community hall or rental facility) will be considered a cohort and must follow the cohorting guidance in the [COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 1](#).
- Parents, along with students 10 years and older (Grades 4 and older) choosing to engage in joint learning activities with other home education families outside their home must wear a non-medical face mask and follow the same masking requirements in school ([CMOH Order 33-2020](#)).
- Parents must develop procedures for hand hygiene requirements and follow enhanced cleaning and disinfecting guidance in the [COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 1](#).
- Parents and students must follow the physical distancing guidelines in the [COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 1](#).
- Please note that cohorts should be maintained for outdoor play-based learning, recess and outdoor learning activities. Indoor and outdoor learning activities must take place in facilities only and not in homes as the [indoor and outdoor social gathering restrictions](#) remain in place.