



NSTU Coronavirus Updates

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The following message is being sent to all NSTU members on behalf of Janine Kerr, Executive Director

Dear NSTU member,

To help assist you during the COVID-19 shutdown I'm passing along some important information.

I know this is a stressful time for you and that you have many unanswered questions.

Our staff are currently engaging with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to help provide you with answers on a timely basis. However, this is an unprecedented and fluid situation, and I so I ask for your continued patience.

We have summarized the answers to questions we have been able to obtain, which you can find at the following link.

<https://immediac.blob.core.windows.net/nstuwebsite/data/covid19/20200317-FAQ.pdf>

We have compiled a fact sheet for substitute teachers available at the following link. We are monitoring federal announcements to the Employment Insurance Program expected to come this week.

https://immediac.blob.core.windows.net/nstuwebsite/data/covid19/20200317_SubstituteTeacherInformation.pdf

(En Francais):

https://immediac.blob.core.windows.net/nstuwebsite/data/covid19/20200317_SubstituteTeacherInformation_FR.pdf

The Insurance Trustees have also created a document outlining what supports are available to you during this trying period.

<https://nstuinsurance.ca/members/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

Finally, Provincial Executive has voted to postpone upcoming PE election dates for Cape Breton Industrial, Halifax City, Tri-County, and South Shore Regions.

Similarly, the presidential election campaign has also been temporarily postponed. Dates to begin these campaigns will be determined at the appropriate time.

The Province's decision to close public schools was a critical component to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping you, your students and your families safe. I know, however, for many it has led to considerable uncertainty that staff at the NSTU are trying to address. All NSTU staff officers continue to work remotely and can all be reached via email. More updates will be provided over the coming days as information becomes available. We will also be posting up-to-date news on www.nstu.ca.

Take care,

Janine Kerr
NSTU Executive Director