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## **SA Support Staff Update**

We know that there are many questions about the impact on staff after yesterday's announcement of the closure of schools to students. Your understanding is much appreciated as all involved work through the ever-evolving situation and the many "what if's".

As the Education Minister noted yesterday, schools are closed to students, but that teachers and other staff remain on the job. This is also the case across the system for all continuous employees. There is no plan or intention to change that or for lay-offs. If, and if so how, work may need to be altered to meet differing needs is uncertain at the moment, but some flexibility will doubtless be required. We expect to have ongoing discussions as necessary with CBE around this.

CBE is trying to quickly put together some work from home options and parameters for positions that may be conducive to that. We expect there may be more details on that tomorrow.

As we noted on Friday, your best resource for many specific questions, particularly around attendance and leaves related to the Coronavirus situation, is still the CBE website and the FAQ's there which is regularly updated. The Employee Health Resource Centre (EHRC) - (403) 777-7788 - should be able to provide advice on specific coding for absences that may not be clear under the current circumstances.

Above all, please take care of yourselves, your families and colleagues and don't report to work if you are ill. Staff Association will notify you of any significant developments as they occur.

## **SA Office Closure**

In line with current public health advice, the office will be closed until further notice. Member services will continue uninterrupted and we will be working diligently to respond to your calls and emails.

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## **Things to Know**

### **Employee Contact Centre (ECC)**

**Need Help? Have Questions? Call CBE's Employee Contact Centre: t | 403-817-7333 [ecc@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:ecc@cbe.ab.ca).** The Employee Contact Centre (ECC), CBE Human Resources can assist you with questions regarding your salary, payroll, group benefits, pension, leaves, vacation pay, salary verification letters, records of employment, T4's, retirement planning, resignation/retirement processing and any other general inquiry you may have including self-service in PeopleSoft.

### **Employee and Family Assistance Program**

Help to manage work and personal life – at no cost – 24/7

Homewood Health: 1.800.663.1142	TTY: 1.888.384.1152	<a href="http://www.homeweb.ca">www.homeweb.ca</a>
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