



J. Addison School

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RE: Online Learning Extension for All Students until February 10, 2021

Greetings,

In response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the real and looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system and alarming risks posed to long-term care homes as a result of high COVID-19 transmission rates, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is immediately declaring a second [provincial emergency](#) under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA).

Effective Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government is issuing a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for permitted purposes or activities, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for work where the work cannot be done remotely. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings for these purposes, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home.

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, schools will not return to in-person instruction until February 10, 2021 for all classes.

Therefore, J. Addison School will continue with on-line learning until February 10, 2021. We advise all teachers and parents to ensure that all students continue with the Microsoft Team Program and to continue to report absences to our attendance secretary and administrators.

It is our hope that with these new measures we can return to in-class learning sooner than later. We all play a crucial role to ensure the health and safety of each other and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our school office.

Regards,

Mr. Lee Venditti
Principal