



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSES PLAYGROUNDS

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KELOWNA, BC – In order to reduce transmission of the COVID-19 virus and to support the advice from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) to limit interaction between households, Central Okanagan Public Schools closed school playground equipment to public use. The District asks that children engage in meaningful play within family units, avoiding close interaction with other children.

The District is urging all its community to strictly follow the direction and legal orders of the PHO. Per the statement from the PHO: "We need everybody to be aware of the risk in every community and every health region across B.C. And, equally important, because of the incubation period and rapid transmission, the self-isolation and social distancing that we do today will benefit all of us two weeks and two months from now."

Together we will get through this.

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