

**Memo**

To: Parents of Students Travelling  
From: Ed Walsh, Associate Director of Education (Programs and Human Resources)  
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Countries worldwide are dealing with the outbreak of COVID-19, or as it is commonly known "Novel Coronavirus". The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is aware that many families continue to have concerns about their child's upcoming international school trip.

These trips are organized by third party educational travel companies, and the District works with the travel company involved on any issues that may arise, including any concerns respecting the chosen destination(s). The District expects all travel companies involved in school travel to monitor and follow the Government of Canada's travel advisories and to modify itineraries or cancel trips as necessary. The Federal Government's travel advisories are available here: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

Due to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases reported in countries around the world the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has determined that all school trips scheduled to depart up to the end of the school year have been cancelled.

The health, safety and well-being of staff, students and chaperones continues to be the District's top priority and the ever evolving pandemic an unacceptable risk at this time.

New information and subsequent travel advisories may cause the District to evaluate other international trips scheduled during the summer months. The District will provide timely information to families through schools as this information becomes available.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's travel scheduled for the April break and beyond, please contact the teacher sponsor for your child's trip.