

WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION

Attention CSNO families,

Given previous events concerning wildfires, we fully understand and share your concerns and anxieties. To ensure the safety of students and staff, we actively review emergency plans for each school and work with emergency contacts in the communities we serve.

This includes making sure emergency contact information is up-to-date. If your contact information has changed recently, please contact your local school to ensure information is updated.

WHEN A WILDFIRE EMERGENCY OCCURS

Communication Channels

During an emergency, we will contact parents/guardians directly or by one of the methods noted below:

- Telephone
- Email
- Facebook (affected school and CSNO)
- CSNO Website: www.csno.ab.ca

What happens if an Evacuation Alert/Order is called?

If an evacuation alert or order is declared, we will communicate information we receive from the nearest municipality. This may include the following measures:

- It may be determined that it is best to dismiss students to their homes and families. Parents/guardians will be contacted directly by phone or and the message will be posted to Facebook and the website.
- If there are any changes to school transportation, the information and procedures to be followed will be communicated directly to parents/guardians and the message will be posted on Facebook and the CSNO website.
- Air quality will be monitored by the school and decisions such as staying inside for recess and breaks or any other measures needed for student safety will be communicated as soon as possible.

STAY INFORMED

For the information on the wildfires, air quality, road closures & conditions, bus delays & cancellations, we encourage you to visit our website: www.csno.ab.ca.

For up-to-date information and daily updates on wildfire status, the community is advised to visit the official Alberta Wildfire website in www.alberta.ca/alberta-wildfire and use the Alberta Wildfire app to receive real-time notifications.

Useful resources:

- Alberta Emergency Alert: Provides updates on emergency situations across Alberta
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-alert.aspx>
- Alberta Wildfire Status Dashboard: Offers real-time information on wildfire statuses
 - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/3ffcc2d0ef3e4e0999b0cf8b636defa3>
- Wildfire Status: Details current wildfire situations
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/wildfirestatus.aspx>
- 511 Alberta: Features traffic and road condition alerts <https://511.alberta.ca/#:Alerts>
- Smoke Forecast: Provides forecasts on smoke conditions
 - <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We urge everyone to stay informed by regularly checking these resources and adhering to any guidelines or instructions issued.

Acknowledging the unpredictability and potential hazards posed by the ongoing wildfire season, it is crucial that everyone be prepared. Your city or municipality provides information on wildfire preparedness on their website. These resources offer valuable advice on protecting your homes and families during this difficult time.

The safety of students and staff is the CSNO's top priority. We are committed to keeping you informed and taking all necessary steps to ensure everyone's safety during this time.

If you have any questions, please contact your local school.