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ROUTINE PRACTICES

Did you know that the Department of Education has developed an infection prevention guide for schools? *Routine Practices: Guide to Creating a Healthy Environment and Preventing Infections within Child Care Facilities and Schools* outlines infection prevention and control measures to assist child care facilities, school divisions and funded independent schools in reducing the transmission of infection and keeping children, students and staff safe. The Routine Practices [Guide](#) is the first of its kind in Canada to be developed and implemented outside of a Healthcare setting. Some of the contents include how germs are spread, how to reduce exposure and transmission of germs, along with the roles of the child care facility, school and staff. The guide also includes ready-made supports that can be use in the child care facility or school. For more information and resources, please visit the [website](#).



MANITOBA ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK - MAY 26 TO JUNE 1

Originally recognized in the 1980s, Manitoba Access Awareness Week ([MAAW](#)) is celebrated annually each spring. This week-long awareness celebration promotes accessibility and inclusion. It also acknowledges the people who are working to prevent, identify and remove barriers to accessibility, while also raising awareness about accessibility issues within the province that affect people with disabilities and many others.



This year, [The Manitoba Accessibility Office](#) is presenting four webinars in celebration of MAAW. Presentations will take place between May 26 and June 1 and all feature topics related to achieving accessible information and communication within your organization.

All webinars will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL), live closed captioning and French interpretation services. You can learn more about MAAW and sign up for the webinars [online](#).

MAY IS MUSIC MONTH!

In recognition of the important contributions of musicians, music educators, and music education programs in our schools and communities, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, Nello Altomare has [proclaimed](#) the month of May 2024 as Music Month in Manitoba.

While music is an important part of the Manitoba school curriculum throughout the year, its role in education is highlighted during Music Month and gives us an opportunity to celebrate our province's rich musical heritage and appreciate the artists and educators involved in music programs.

For more information, visit the Manitoba Music Educator's Association [website](#).



HAVE YOUR SAY!

[Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) wants to hear from you about environmental education. You have until June 3 to review their [discussion paper](#) and have your say by completing an [online survey](#).

The purpose of this survey is to seek Canadian input on the development of a National Framework on Environmental Learning in Canada. Research shows that environmental education has a critical role in addressing the urgent triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. Your feedback will help support quality environmental learning across Canada.

You'll only need about 15 minutes to complete the survey. Your responses will help build an ambitious and inclusive National Framework for Environmental Learning.



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