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## March 24, 2020

### THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLANNING FOR THE SCHEDULING OF MATTERS

Submitted by The Provincial Court of Alberta

Alberta Health Services has recommended that measures be taken to reduce the amount of time individuals spend in large

crowds or in crowded spaces to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

To protect the health and safety of all court users while ensuring respect for the legal rights of accused

persons and civil litigants, the Provincial Court of Alberta is limiting all regular operations, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further notice.

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### RCMP PROVIDES UPDATE ON DETACHMENT SERVICES AMIDST COVID-19 SPREAD

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

In light of recent developments and evolving information surrounding the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Alberta RCMP detachments and offices may defer or arrange to provide alternatives for certain services normally delivered in a Detachment. These measures are being

taken as the safety of Albertans and our employees is our number one priority. This practice will be evaluated on a regular basis and the public will be notified when normal business resumes.

There has been no change to the Alberta RCMP's response to critical and emergency matters. We remind the public to please continue to call 911 in these situ-

ations.

Effective immediately, Alberta RCMP detachments will be modifying service delivery at front counters and restricting access to public spaces within RCMP facilities. Signage will be displayed at all exterior public entrances reflecting the following:

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# RCMP Provides Update on Detachment Services Amidst COVID-19 Spread

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- In order to prioritize essential policing services and to reduce unnecessary contact with personnel, detachments will suspend all non-critical front counter services. Fingerprinting for Criminal Record Checks will only be done in exceptional circumstances. Non-urgent fingerprinting and Criminal Record Checks will resume at a later date.

- Before proceeding to a detachment, please consult our provincial directory and phone the listed telephone number (<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/find/AB#wb-cont>). If assistance can be provided to you over the phone, an employee or officer will do

so. If your request requires personal contact with an officer, that decision will be made over the phone.

- The decision to limit public contact in non-urgent situations was made to ensure the health of the public and our employees so that we are able to sustain essential services across Alberta.

- Please dial 911 only in an emergency.


- Our Operational Communication Centres are open and fully functional for all emergency calls.


“A number of changes have been put in place to protect the health of our employees and the public. These decisions were made to ensure that there were no impacts to essential services, keeping our communities safe,” said Deputy

Commissioner Curtis Zabolcki, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. “As Alberta’s provincial police service, we have sound business continuity plans in place to ensure Albertans can continue to count on us

every day, including during times of public health emergencies.”

Public safety is our top priority. The Alberta RCMP thanks the public for their patience during these exceptional circumstances.

PUBLIC NOTICE	
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As part of the Government of Alberta’s response to COVID-19, expiry dates for driver’s licences, certificates of vehicle registration and other permits, including knowledge and road test permits, have been extended until May 15, 2020.	
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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A parishioner was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the parishioner by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord!” The parishioner replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor.” Pastor questioned, “How come I don’t see you except at Christmas and Easter?” He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.”

# TOWN OF STONY PLAIN RESPONDS TO COVID-19

## Submitted by Town of Stony Plain

The Town of Stony Plain is working diligently with the community to ensure the directives of the Government of Alberta are implemented in response to the COVID-19 virus. The Town has suspended all scheduled Town events and programs until further notice, increased the level of daily cleaning at all public facili-

ties and on Accessible Transportation Vehicles, as well as reviewing the Town's policies to incorporate prudent practices in the workplace. This includes:

- Increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces such as door handles and railings;
- Providing hand sanitizer throughout our buildings;
- Ensuring hand soap is well stocked in washrooms and

employee kitchens;

- Limiting business related travel;
- Suspending all in person meetings;
- Encouraging staff who do not feel well to stay at home and follow procedures outlined by the GOA based on symptoms;
- Preparing work from home procedures; and
- Encouraging residents who do not feel well to stay home and

contact Administration via phone or email

These are some of the steps the Town is taking to limit or slow the spread of this pandemic.

Town Manager Tom Goulden says, "COVID-19 will impact our community as it has greatly impacted many countries around the world. The Alberta Government is reacting to this challenge daily and is implementing strategies that will have a positive outcome on the pandemic. In the coming days and weeks, the Town may have to make some challenging decisions to assist in meeting that positive outcome. We thank all residents for their understanding as we all navigate a quickly changing COVID-19 impacted Alberta."

Mayor William Choy says, "Administration is working diligently with community partners under the direction of the Government of Alberta to limit the impacts of COVID-19 on our community. The world has been impacted greatly by this non discriminating virus. Together as a community we can limit the impacts of COVID-19 by following the directives of the Province and limiting our time in public places. We each have a responsibility to each other to limit the spread of this virus."

While the risk for Alberta is currently low, the Town is being proactive in doing what it can to protect and create plans to safeguard our community against the impacts of this rapidly moving pandemic.

The Town urges the importance for all residents to reference the Government of Alberta web page dedicated to COVID-19 [www.alberta.ca/coronavirus](http://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus).

For local updates on the impact to our community, stay connected to the Town's newsroom along with all social media accounts such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**NOTICE**

## 2020 EQUS Annual General Meeting

The 2020 Annual General Meetings have been postponed due to the current COVID-19 outbreak. The health and safety of EQUS members, their guests, and the rural communities that EQUS serves is a priority for the EQUS Board of Directors. The decision to postpone the meetings was made in accordance with that priority and with the recommendations of provincial health authorities.

Once new dates are available, members who had reserved their seats will be contacted and all members will be notified in their monthly newsletter. EQUS members can still RSVP for the rescheduled meetings if they wish using the information available below.

If you have any questions, or would like to be contacted when the meetings are rescheduled, please call 1.888.211.4011 or email [mhanson@equs.ca](mailto:mhanson@equs.ca)

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# CONTINUING STUDENT LEARNING

*New guidelines are in place to direct how students will learn while in-school classes are cancelled due to the provincial health emergency.*

## Submitted by Government of Alberta

Government has worked with the Alberta School Boards Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Association of Independent Schools & Colleges of Alberta to identify how to continue teacher-directed learning for students across Alberta.

This approach was developed with a focus on the safety of our staff and students, ensuring resources continue to flow to the education system and providing boards with the

flexibility required to meet the unique needs of their students.

"I want to thank every Albertan involved in our province's education system. Everyone has come together to chart a path forward as part of our COVID-19 response - teachers, support staff, superintendents, administrators, elected trustees, parents, education associations, the provincial government and many others. It is important that Albertans know that we are all working towards the same goal - to provide the best possible learning situation for our students during this very challenging and unprec-

edented time." - Adriana La-Grange, Minister of Education

Continuity of student learning and content delivery

For all kindergarten to Grade 12 students, school authorities will offer at-home learning opportunities, either through online means or through other accommodations, such as course packages and telephone check-ins. Government expects that every student, regardless of their geographic location or socioeconomic status, will continue to learn while in-school classes across the province are cancelled. This includes students in public, sep-

arate, Francophone, charter and independent schools, and Indigenous students attending provincial schools.

To identify what content needs to be delivered, teachers will evaluate curricular outcomes that have not yet been covered, prioritize remaining outcomes based on what is manageable for students working from home, and will plan specific tasks and projects for students.

Content delivery for each grade is broken down as follows:

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## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD



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Wash hands frequently



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# Continuing Student Learning

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Kindergarten – Grade 3

- Education content will focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy outcomes of the provincial curriculum.
- Teachers will assign an average of five hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grades 4-6

- Education content will continue to focus on language/literacy and mathematics/numeracy outcomes, and there will be opportunity to incorporate science and social studies outcomes through cross-curricular learning.
- Teachers will assign an average of five hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the

delivery of these materials.

Grades 7-9

- Education content will focus on core mathematics, language/literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes.
- Teachers will assign an average of 10 hours of work per student per week, and will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grades 10-12

students and parents on the delivery of these materials.

Grade progression and report cards

Every student will receive final grades and will receive a report card, appropriate to their grade level. Teachers will be responsible for assessing a student's progress and assigning a final grade. School authorities have committed to ensuring parents are consulted and kept informed of how assessment will be determined in this unique circumstance. All students who were on track to progress to the next grade will.

Where possible, schools will work with high school students to complete their courses to the best of their ability, providing a final mark and awarding credits. If a student is unable to complete a course that would have allowed them to progress to the next grade, principals have the ability to award credits to ensure student progression.

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- Education content will focus on specified and core courses required for high school graduation requirements, including language (English, French and French language arts), social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.
- Content from other courses will be delivered where possible, and accommodations for students unable to complete courses are in place.
- Teachers will assign an average of 3 hours of work per course per week, and will be expected to work with their

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# Continuing Student Learning

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High school diploma criteria  
Students on track to receive 100 or more credits will still be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma. Principals have the ability to award up to 15 credits to students in Grade 12 whose program has been negatively impacted by class cancellations. For any courses that are started, schools will complete them with the student to the best of their ability, provide a final mark and award credits.

If the student is unable to complete a course that would have led them to achieving a high school diploma, such as a work experience or a career and technology studies course, principals have the ability to award credits to ensure the student graduates.

Provincial assessments

All Grade 6 and 9 provincial achievement tests and Grade 12 diploma exams are cancelled. Under special circumstances, students can request to write a diploma exam. Students wishing to do so should

speak to their teacher and school administrator.

Resources for parents

Parents may want to supplement student learning by providing their children with additional resources. The following provincial resources are available to parents:

- LearnAlberta.ca: more than 4,000 digital resources aligned with Alberta's K-12 curriculum.

- My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource: provides parents with information specific to each grade level.

Additionally, many Alberta

school authorities have a variety of resources available to support parents and students in learning at home. The following list provides a sample of what is available:

- Aspen View Public Schools: Educational Supports for Families provides a series of resources, many of which are publicly available to support literacy and numeracy.

- Calgary Board of Education: Learning at Home provides a number of supports for kindergarten to Grade 12.

- Clearview Public Schools: Student Resources provides resources for study skills and useful learning sites.

- Edmonton Catholic Schools: Parent Resources provides links to a wide variety of informational resources.

- Edmonton Public Schools: Activities for Parents provides a number of activities that can be done at home for kindergarten to Grade 12.

- Foothills School Division: Parent Learning Link provides a number of resources to support parents.

- Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools: Parent Resources link provides a number of resources to support parents.

- Northwest Francophone Education Region: Liens Utiles provides a number of resources to support parents.

- Southern Francophone Education Region: Ressources et Liens Utiles provides a number of resources to support parents.

Funding continues to flow to school authorities for the remainder of the 2019/20 school year. This will help school authorities deliver at-home learning to their students.

"The Alberta School Boards Association appreciates that government has given us the opportunity to provide input on the continuing student learning plan. In this unprecedented time, school boards appreciate the flexibility and clarity as they make decisions that put students first and meet the diverse needs of their communities." - Lorrie Jess, president, Alberta School Boards Association

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# GYPSD SCHOOLS CLOSED TO STUDENTS

**Submitted by Grande Yellowhead Public School Division**

On March 17, the Alberta Government declared a state of emergency under the Public Health Act.

The decision came two days after the provincial government canceled all classes indefinitely across Alberta. This means:

- All schools are closed to students starting March 16.
- All child-care and community programming that takes place within Grande Yellowhead Public School Division schools is canceled.
- School buses are canceled.

### STAFF

In line with the decision of neighboring school jurisdictions, the Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools are implementing a work-from-home option to begin March 19, 2020.

Principals are coordinating with school staff to identify work that can be done from home. However, schools will remain open to staff who wish to remain at the site and a principal or delegate will be on site during the workday.

Critical staff will remain in our facilities. This decision aligns with new public health measures that include restrictions on gatherings of more than 50 people.

Staff who are sick, including those with mild cold symptoms, are expected to stay home and follow all guidance from Alberta Health Services.

GYPSD is committed to and values its employees. No staff will be losing their jobs, and contractors will continue to be paid so that they can maintain their crews.

STUDENTS' BELONGINGS

Schools have let families know when they are able to pick up students' belongings. This is a school-based decision. Pick-up times are staggered to ensure we're supporting safe social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### STUDENT LEARNING

The success of our students is GYPSD's first priority. Instruction is going to change, but our focus on student learning, especially the Division's grade 12s, is constant. Our teachers are working around the clock to connect with families to get learning plans in place.

Each school is looking into instructional alternatives for students after spring break. The Division currently uses G Suite, which offers Google Classroom to all teaching staff. In addition to Google Classroom, other communication tools include Google Docs, Gmail, and Google Hang-

outs. Teachers will be using an assortment of digital resources and the platform tools to deliver lessons and connect with students.

Schools will be coordinating with families who do not have computers or internet access to provide them with devices or hard copies of learning materials and discuss supports.

We know families have a lot of questions about student learning and we will share more information as it becomes available from Education (k-12) and Advanced Education (post-secondary and industry training).

The Minister of Education has confirmed:

- Every student will receive a final mark and students will progress to their next grade level for the next school year.

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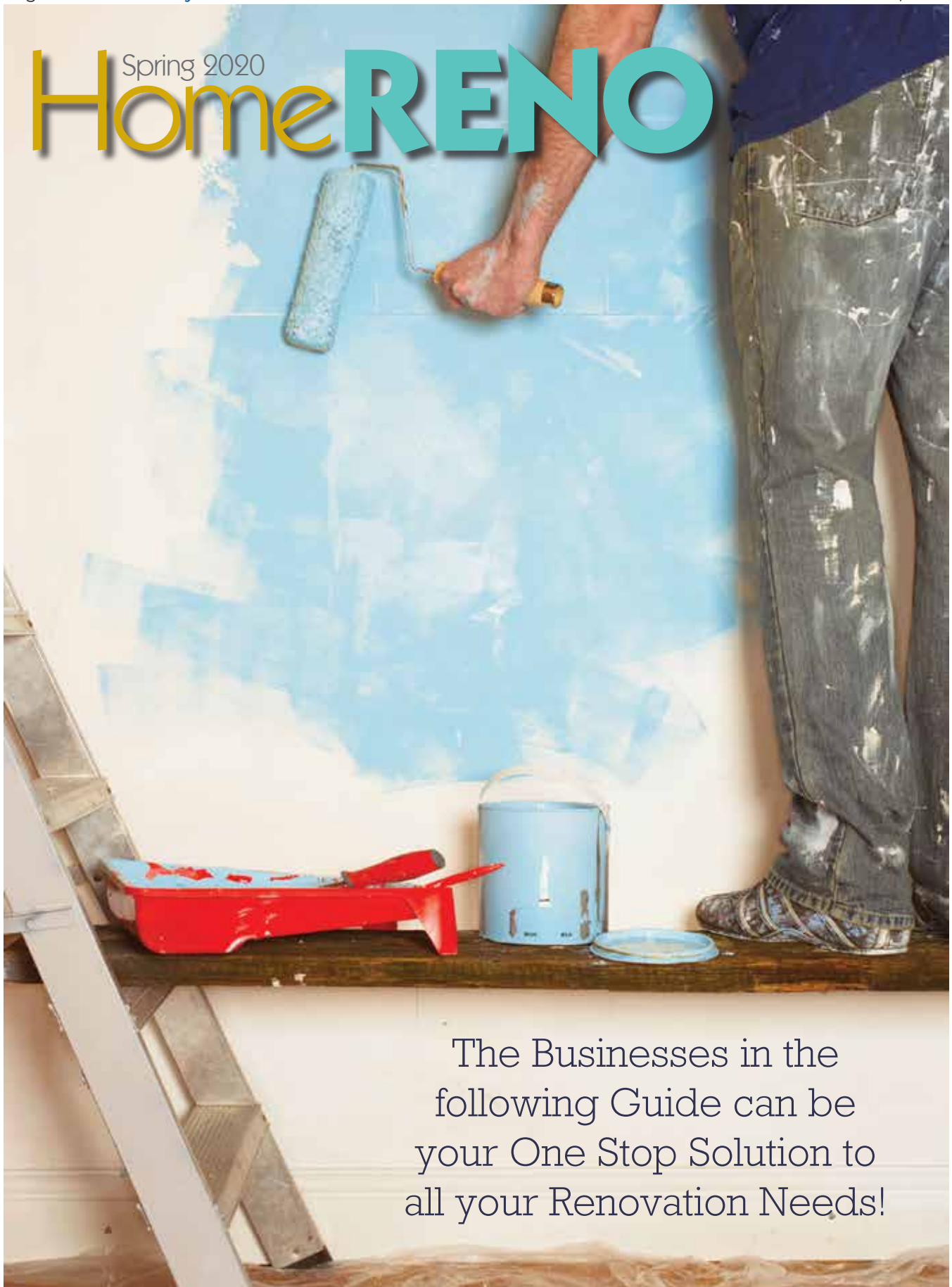
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# AFFORDABLE FEATURES FOR YOUR KITCHEN

Kitchens are popular gathering spots in many homes. That popularity is reflected in various ways, including how many homeowners choose to remodel their kitchens.

A 2019 report from the home renovation and design resource Houzz found that kitchens were the most popular room to renovate in 2018. Homeowners considering kitchen remodels should know that the Houzz report also indicated that spending on kitchen remodels increased by 27 percent in 2018.

Homeowners concerned by the cost of remodeling a kitchen should know that there are ways to give kitchens a whole new feel without breaking the bank.

Consumer Reports notes that luxury home buyers expect high-end features, including professional ranges and built-in refrigerators that match the surrounding cabinetry. However, many mainstream brands offer "faux pro" features that can

equal more expensive alternatives. Consumer Reports even notes that many budget-friendly faux pro appliances outperformed their high-end counterparts in terms of reliability.

Countertops tend to capture the eye's attention when walking into a kitchen. Outdated and/or damaged countertops grab that attention for all the wrong reasons, while updated countertops made from today's most popular materials provide that wow factor homeowners seek. If granite is a must-have, Consumer Reports notes that homeowners can save substantial amounts of money by choosing granite from remnants at the stone yard. If marble is your ideal countertop, save money by choosing a domestic product as opposed to one imported from overseas.

Custom-built cabinets may be a dream, but they tend to be a very expensive one. Such cabinets are designed to adhere to

the dimensions of the kitchen, and Consumer Reports notes that they can cost tens of thousands of dollars. If that estimate would bust your budget, examine the current layout of the existing cabinets. If the layout is fine but the cabinets need work, you can give them a whole new

look by refinishing them. If the cabinets must go, stock units or semi-custom cabinets can provide a new look without busting the budget.

Kitchen remodels can be expensive. But there are many affordable ways to revamp a kitchen.

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## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT DIY INSULATION

Perhaps due in part to the popularity of home improvement television shows, many homeowners now tackle an assortment of home projects without professional assistance. These weekend warriors embrace the do-it-yourself philosophy to home improvement, saving lots of money along the way.

As rewarding as successful DIY projects can be, it's important that homeowners avoid getting in over their heads. Some projects, such as those that involve plumbing or roofing, tend to be best left to the professionals. But many other projects, including insulation installation, are very DIY-friendly.

Can I install insulation myself?

The Insulation Institute notes that DIY insulation installation is definitely doable, though typically only when homeowners are installing certain types of insulation. The Institute notes

that installing fiberglass or mineral wool insulation can be simple. However, homeowners who prefer spray foam insulation should leave installation to the professionals.

What should I do before beginning the project?

The Insulation Institute advises homeowners who are going to install insulation to determine if vapor retarders, sometimes referred to as "vapor barriers," will need to be installed before they begin the project. Vapor diffusion retarders can reduce the amount of moisture transferred by air currents, but they are not always necessary. Factors such as climate, cladding type (i.e., brick, stucco, wood, etc.) and the location of the wall being insulated will help homeowners determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders. Homes located in places with mixed climates often

need vapor diffusion retarders. DIYers can visit [www.insulationinstitute.org](http://www.insulationinstitute.org) to learn more or consult with an insulation or watersealing professional to determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders.

Determining R-value is another important pre-project step. Different climates require different insulation R-values, which the U.S. Department of Energy notes is a measurement of an insulating material's resistance to conductive heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulation effectiveness. The amount of R-value your insulation needs will depend on the climate, the existing heating and cooling system in the house and which part of the house you will be insulating. More information about R-value is available at [energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/insulation](http://energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/insulation).

DIYers also will need the ap-

propriate tools and attire before beginning an insulation installation project. In addition to the insulation itself, the online resource The Home Improvement Web® recommends the following tools:

- Safety glasses
- Dust mask or respirator
- Stapler (electric, standard, or hammer type)
- 3/8" or 1/2" staples
- Protective clothing
- Work light
- Tape measure
- Extension cord
- Utility knife and extra blades
- Stepladder(s)
- Straightedge for cutting insulation

DIYers can access any number of insulation installation tutorials online to determine if they can install insulation without hiring professionals.

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## DECOR IDEAS FOR A FRESH LOOK THIS SPRING

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and that spirit of renewal can take hold inside a home.

Warm weather and longer hours of daylight make spring a perfect time to imagine a home's interior design in a new light. The following are a handful of decor ideas that may inspire homeowners to give their homes an entirely new look this spring.

- **Wallpaper:** Wallpaper fell out of favor years ago, but new styles that aren't so heavily patterned can make for wonderful additions to any room. Large-scale prints can give a room a whole new feel without giving homeowners or their guests the impression that they have stepped back in time. A simple, mural-style floral wallpaper on the walls surrounding a table in a breakfast nook can bring nature inside.

- **Pastel colors:** Nothing em-

bodies the spring quite like pastel colors. If colorful, bright flowers dot the garden in the backyard, homeowners can bring those uplifting pastels inside by painting an accent wall or even adding some brightly colored accent furniture to rooms that could use a lift.

- **Declutter:** Clutter is often conquered during spring cleaning sessions, but homeowners who want to create more free-flowing interior spaces can downsize their furniture and/or look for multipurpose features that make it hard for clutter to take over a room. Create more open space in entertaining areas by mounting the television and getting rid of a bulky entertainment center. Create even more space by replacing rarely used end tables with a storage ottoman where books and magazines can be stored to give a room a fresh, clean look.

- **Accent features:** Sometimes the smallest changes to an interior space make the biggest impression. Replace dated accents like vases and table lamps with newer items that reflect the latest styles and trends. Such adjustments won't break

the bank, and they can give rooms a whole new feel.

Spring is a great time to reconsider home interiors. This spring homeowners can embrace various strategies, both big and small, to give their homes a whole new feel.

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## 3 COMMON DIY MISTAKES TO AVOID

Pride tends to swell when homeowners successfully complete do-it-yourself projects on their homes. In addition to saving homeowners money, DIY projects provide a unique way for men and women to personally connect with their homes. The ability to look at a finished project and say it's a result of your own handiwork can make a

home feel more your own.

As fun and fulfilling as DIY projects can be, they also can be nerve-racking and induce anxiety. When DIY projects falter, fixing them can prove costly, as homeowners typically must call in contractors to correct their mistakes and get a project back on track. That results in additional labor and material costs

that might have been avoidable, especially for homeowners who make an effort to avoid some common DIY mistakes.

### 1. Failure to secure permits

Even though homeowners own their homes, that does not mean they have carte blanche to do what they want with them. Many renovation projects require homeowners to secure

permits before projects can commence. Some may even require additional permits as the projects advance. If proper permits are not secured, homeowners may be fined and projects may be nixed, regardless of how much money homeowners have spent up to that point. Before beginning a home renovation project, homeowners should always contact their local permit office to determine if any permits are required. Bankrate.com notes that permits are often required for any project larger than painting or wallpapering.

### 2. Overestimating your abilities

DIY television shows make home renovation projects look easy, but reality suggests otherwise. Homeowners with little or no experience renovating a home may want to take classes before they think about starting a project on their own. Even online tutorials tend to make jobs appear easier than they are. Roofing and plumbing projects tend to be best left to the professionals, as these projects can be either dangerous or vulnerable to disaster if not addressed by trained professionals.

### 3. Incorrect materials

Whether it's to save money or a byproduct of inexperience, DIYers do not always choose the correct materials for a job. Experienced contractors have ample experience working with all sorts of materials and are therefore in a unique position to recommend the best materials for any given job. That resource is not available for DIYers, who must perform ample research before beginning a job so the project involves the most appropriate materials. Incorrect materials can be a sunken cost that derails a project, but even jobs completed using incorrect materials may need to be redone a lot more quickly than those that employed the right materials the first time.

Many home renovation projects can be completed without the help of professional contractors, especially when homeowners take steps to avoid some of the more common mistakes made by DIYers.

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# COVID-19 News Updates

In times of uncertainty, rest assured that as your community newspaper, we are working hard with a local, regional and national network of official resources to keep you informed and up to date on the issues and developments that matter most to you.

## GYPSD Schools Closed To Students

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- Provincial assessments, such as provincial achievement tests, are canceled.
  - At this time, diploma exams essential for post-secondary acceptance will continue.
  - Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate.
- FEEES

We have received a number of questions about fees and refunds for the remainder of the year. We appreciate that during this time of uncertainty, families are looking for clarification and direction on all impacts of class cancellation. We are working on a Division solution right now for fee refunds and hope to have information to families after Spring Break.

### STAY UP TO DATE

Schools are communicating with families. Our Division takes guidance from Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services and the Public Health Agency of Canada as the situation continues to evolve. All families are encouraged to stay updated on the latest health information. We know the situation has a

significant impact on families, students, and the larger community. There is nothing more important than the health, safety, and well-being of our students, families, and staff. We have many unknowns at this time and are asking for everyone's patience, co-operation and understanding as we navigate this uncharted situation, together.

## Continuing Student Learning

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"We've seen teachers across the province stepping up in a variety of ways to ensure students feel supported during these unprecedented times. This continuity plan is a great start for providing guidance and consistency for school boards and teachers to make sure learning continues and stability is provided for students. We look forward to continue working with gov-

ernment and key stakeholders on an operations plan." - Jason Schilling, president, Alberta Teachers' Association  
 "The College of Alberta School Superintendents supports the guidelines developed through collaboration of education partners and the ministry. While providing a framework for continuity of learning by all students, the guidelines provide the flexibility required for teachers, principals and superintendents to ensure ev-

ery student in the province has an opportunity to continue to learn. The ministry's willingness to be inclusive of all education partners to respond to this unprecedented circumstance is why Alberta students have and will continue to achieve at the highest level in the world." - Bevan Daverne, president, College of Alberta School Superintendents  
 "The Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta appreciates the oppor-

tunity to collaborate and provide input into the continuing learning student plan. Having a benchmark for content delivery will provide some clarity to students and parents, while still allowing schools and teachers to further enrich the learning as appropriate to their local context." - Simon Williams, president, Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta

# SUDOKU OF THE WEEK


## Fun By The Numbers

**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**ANSWER:**

6	5	4	1	7	3	2	8	9
7	9	8	5	2	6	1	3	4
2	3	1	4	8	9	5	7	6
9	2	7	8	6	1	4	5	3
4	6	3	2	9	5	8	1	7
1	8	5	3	4	7	6	9	2
8	1	9	6	3	2	7	4	5
5	7	2	9	1	4	3	6	8
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- Antilock braking system: These systems have been standard equipment on vehicles manufactured since 2012.
- Air bags: These safety features help cushion the blow for people during a crash and include front and side-protection. Discounts increase with the number of air bags.

- Adaptive cruise control: This feature monitors traffic conditions and adjusts speed by controlling the throttle and brakes to maintain distance from other vehicles.
- Daytime running lights: Daytime running lights may make drivers eligible for small discounts.
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## ROUTINE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

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A vehicle needs consistent care if it is to run efficiently. Maintenance also reduces the risk of roadside breakdowns and costly repairs. Here's a look at some of the benefits of staying on top of maintenance.

- Saves money: Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance schedule can save big bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a

tow and tire replacement.

- Improves performance and efficiency: Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter changes and fluid top-offs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of breaking down and adversely affect vehicle performance, diminishing fuel economy and leading to a sluggish ride.

- Identifies safety issues: Routine inspections and work performed by reputable service stations help drivers stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

- Maintains a maintenance record: When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of routine maintenance indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was well cared for.

- Keeps compliance: Vehicles

covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence to factory-recommended maintenance schedules. This ensures that the vehicle is in compliance and will be covered in the event of a warranty claim.

Routine vehicle maintenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the road.



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# The Provincial Court of Alberta Covid-19 Pandemic Planning for the Scheduling of Matters

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The court will post further information as it becomes available, so please continue to check the Provincial Court website <https://www.albertacourts.ca/pc/home> for updates.

As of Tuesday March 17, 2020, if you have a family, civil, criminal court or a Provincial Offences/traffic court appearance in the Alberta Provincial Court, you

do not need to attend unless the matter is an in-custody or urgent criminal matter, or an urgent family or child protection matter.

No members of the public will be permitted in court rooms unless they are required for a court matter (parties, witnesses, media). Legal counsel are permitted access to the Court house for urgent court-related business.

Do not come into a court-

house in person if you have been advised to self-isolate by public health officials, your doctor or the Alberta Health Services website; or you are self-isolating as a result of travel or contact with individuals with COVID-19.

The Provincial Court will remain open, subject to the following:

CRIMINAL and YOUTH CRIMINAL MATTERS

If you are not in custody and you have a criminal court appearance in the Alberta Provincial Court between Tuesday March 17 and Friday, May 22, 2020 you do not need to attend court. The Court website will be updated regularly to provide information regarding rescheduling, which will be 10 weeks from the date of your scheduled court appearance or the next court date thereafter.

All in-custody matters will proceed including:

- Bail hearings
- Sentencings with a priority given to those facing a

time served situation

- Preliminary inquiries and trials
- Youth criminal sentence reviews

The Court will hear urgent out of custody criminal matters with leave of a judge.

The Court will be available to process urgent warrants and judicial authorizations.

CIVIL MATTERS

Civil matters, with the exception of pretrial conferences and case management that are set to proceed before May 22, 2020 will be adjourned indefinitely and parties will be contacted by the local trial coordinator or the Court about rescheduled dates.

Urgent landlord and tenant matters and other urgent matters will proceed with leave of the Court.

Civil Pre-Trial Conferences and Case Management will be conducted by telephone.

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The following matters are considered urgent and will be heard by the court:

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<p><b>Parkland Baptist Church</b>                  Sunday Worship Service 10:30a.m.                  All Welcome                  121 Brookwood Drive                  (780) 962-4101                  www.parklandbaptist.ca</p>	<p><b>Word Church Apocalyptic Era</b>                  Border Paving Athletic Centre,                  9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove                  upstairs in the Wild Rose room.                  Ph: 780-962-7579                  Service starts at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning,  <b>come all &amp; be bless.</b></p>	<p><b>St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Church</b>                  6103 172 St. NW, Edmonton                  Saturday:                  Vespers 5:00PM                  Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00AM                  780.487.2167                  santhony@telonjaneet.net                  www.st-anthonys.ca</p>	<p><b>Stony Plain United Church</b>                  Sunday Service 10:30a.m.                  5012-51 Ave. Stony Plain  <b>Mewassin United Church</b>                  Sunday Service 9:00a.m.                  Rev. Heather Koots                  Hwy 627 - Rg Rd 30                  Ph: 780-963-4745</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rosenthal</b>                  Sunday Worship Service 9:30a.m.                  Sunday School                  780-963-4048</p>
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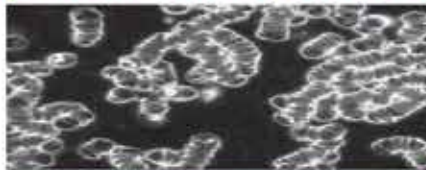
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