

# Joint Health & Safety Committee (JHSC) Meeting – OSSTF OT Report

Jun 1/2020

## Overview

### Regular Reports

- 1) **Accidents/Violent Incident Reports** – A silver lining in the Learning for Home model is that we have had only 2 accidents in April and May. One was a dog bite from delivering materials to a student's home.
- 2) **JHSC Part I&II** – This is offered as online training.
- 3) **Online Reporting** – This was supposed to go live for the board in the Fall. It may be delayed to the COVID19 pandemic.

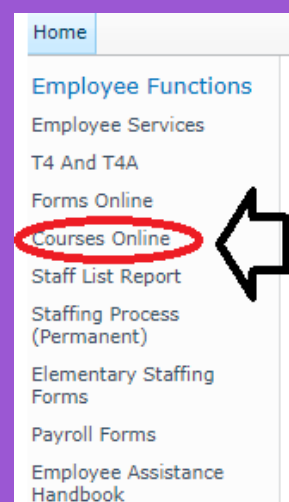
### Health & Safety Information Update

- 1) Capital Projects are happening at Echo Bay, RM Moore, Eastview, CASS and Kiwedin. There are strict COVID19 plans in place for the construction workers. Contractors need to report to the office upon arrival. Particular groups that are not checking in will be dealt with on a group to group basis.
- 2) High Temperature Guidelines will be followed during the summer months.
- 3) The Asbestos Reports will be reviewed during the summer and communicated back the JHSC.
- 4) Door Wedges – Waiting on response from Fire Dept.

Online Health & Safety courses to be completed this year include: Rights of the Worker, Lockdown Training, Asbestos Awareness and ADSB Health & Safety Review.

## Online Courses in the Portal

Any Occasional Teachers who still need to complete their Health & Safety training can do so on a free prep.



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# JHSC OSSTF OT Report (cont.)

## *JHSC Additions to the Agenda*

1) **Communication with Public Health** – There are three public health units attached to the board: Sudbury for Chapleau, Porcupine for Hornepayne and Algoma for the rest of the board. The board is networking with a variety of community partners about best practices moving forward.

2) **Fast Turnover Time for Procedures** – Due to the fast turnover times, the board feels like it doesn't always have time to share procedures with union groups before releasing them, so sometimes they have to be tweaked after the fact.

3) **Carestaff** – Admin has prioritized the safety of the carestaff. Mike Galipeau (CUPE) sits on a Provincial Workgroup and our board has examples of best practices.

4) **Product Dwell Time (PDT)** – Product Dwell Time is how long it takes to kill a virus once sprayed. The current disinfectant takes 5 minutes. Mona has ordered a new disinfectant for September that has a PDT of 1 minute for daytime use only.

5) **PPE** – A large supply of hand sanitizer has been ordered for each site and a stockpile of masks is going out to each school. Teachers should be able to access sanitizer for each class.

6) **Shields** – Questions were asked about using shields including: 1) Using shields for staff who work with the deaf, since lip reading is difficult wearing a mask, 2) Working with young children because they spit. Responses were that at the moment, the priority was for Health Care workers to have shields because they deal directly with COVID19 patients and need it the most since there are shortages. Chris has ordered 20, but he's still awaiting delivery. Each high school has a 3D printer, so it may be possible to print our own.

7) **Infrared Thermometers** – Waiting to see their effectiveness, since they are also on back order. They are monitoring other provinces and countries. It's something that the board is looking at.

## *Employers' Recommendations*

1) **Resources at JHSC** – Needed personal will be available as resources to answer questions at the JHSC meetings.

2) **Eyewash Station** – The Plant Dept will be getting a new eyewash station.

3) **Tracking System for Training** – There should be a tracking system in place to know who's due to get what Health & Safety training.

## *Additions to the Agenda*

1) **Procedures for returning Students' Belongings** – Elementary students will have their items packed by a teacher and will have a curbside pickup. Secondary students will follow protocol in limited numbers to come collect their items by appointment.

2) **Protocols for September** – The JHSC committee would like to be more involved in revising protocols before they are released. This means being given more than a day to do so.

3) **PD** – There will likely be a Health & Safety PD day in September.

4) **Teams** – Those who live in the outlying areas would like to use Teams for the winter meetings, since the other system is sometimes unreliable.

### **Meetings for Next Year:**

Monday, September 21, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Tuesday, March 2, 2020

Monday, June 7, 2020

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