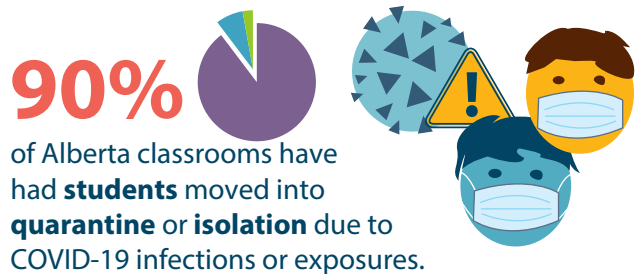


Key Findings (April 23 to 30, 2021)

Reporting from 2,800+ Alberta Teachers and School Leaders

1 COVID-19 Quarantines/Isolations



80% of Alberta **school leaders** have had to directly **contact families** in their communities due to **COVID-19** exposure(s).

*“We have had 77 cases this year and **each case** is about **3 hours of work** for administration and office staff. I am **totally burned out**. – Alberta school principal*



1 in 2 Teachers & School Leaders have been **quarantined** and/or **isolated** due to COVID-19 infections or exposures.

3 Student Learning



76% of teachers state that **many students** in their **classes** are **struggling with learning**.

“I am worried about the long term mental health for the students and teachers. I am also worried about the gap in learning that has occurred in the past two years. I'm terrified of the ripple effect of the pandemic. – Alberta teacher

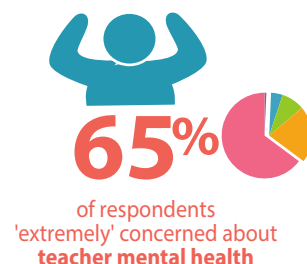
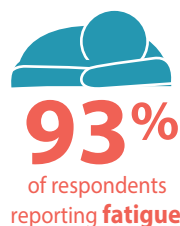


61% of teachers are **extremely concerned** about their **conditions of professional practice** (workload/balance/control).

92% of teachers are **concerned** about the **new K-6 draft curriculum**.

“The new curriculum is such a mess, to put it mildly.... It is so unrealistic and with no resources how will it be implemented?”

2 Mental Health Indicators



“The trauma of the pandemic and fear of getting sick has a significant impact on the mental health of everyone in the school system. – Alberta teacher



HALF of all respondents **feel hopeless!**

“There is the overwhelming sense of frustration and hopelessness – like everything is out of control.”

4 The Future

What will you need for a successful start to school in September 2021?

- “Mental health supports for students, and government support for education that actually benefits teachers, students and staff.”*
- “Predictability and stability. There has been so much uncertainty this year... it would just be nice to know what is going on and what to expect.”*
- “I need to feel that my role as a teacher is valued. I have never felt so undervalued in my life. I blame the government.”*
- “I need my health back after contracting COVID-19 from a student back in December. My stamina has been greatly impacted and I can no longer work full days.”*
- “Vaccinated staff and students and their families. Additional funding. Small class sizes. Additional supports in classrooms to address academic gaps and other needs!”*



36% of teachers **had received a COVID-19 vaccine** by April 30, 2021

...with a remaining **51%** stating they would **get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible!**



2,822 Alberta teachers and school leaders. Alberta Pandemic Pulse Survey (April 23 to 30, 2021). Random stratified sample and longitudinal chain-referral sample.

Margin of Error +/- 2% on all questions (19 times out of 20).

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