

Covid-19 FAQs

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What is the timing if there is a positive case in a school?

Every positive test of COVID-19 is followed up by the health authority, in our case, Vancouver Coastal Health. They work as fast as possible to determine any close contacts during the infectious period. **This process is under the complete control of the health authority.**

Why aren't we making masks mandatory in classes?

The rules for masks come from the Ministry of Education and they are consistent throughout BC. There is no ability to add or subtract from these provincial guidelines. The Ministry guidelines are based on recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer.

Is it safe for my child to return to class?

Yes. It is safe for your child to attend class. If you do not receive a phone call or letter from public health officials, please continue to attend school and use your daily health checklist to monitor for symptoms compatible with COVID-19 as per our school policy.

How do we keep kids safe at recess and lunch?

- Students are split into 2 groups.
- Students play on 14 acres of the property.
- We have doubled the indoor and outdoor supervision
- Hand sanitization

What are you doing to ensure my child's safety?

Our school and district are following the guidance provided by public health officials as detailed in our district's health and safety guidelines, and we will continue to work with public health officials to determine if any other actions are necessary.

Our health and safety plans are available on the district website (www.westvancouver schools.ca).

Are there new cleaning protocols in school?

- General cleaning and disinfecting of the premises at least once every 24 hours;
- Cleaning and disinfecting of frequently-touched surfaces at least twice every 24 hours.
- Disinfectant in every classroom
- Hand sanitizer
- Care management of materials and supplies

I am concerned about my child's safety. Is face-to-face instruction my only option?

We have been tasked by the Ministry of Education with maximizing student in-class learning this fall. And for most families, this is something that they are really appreciating. Some families opted to return gradually by way of a temporary transition (K-9). As the school year is now underway, this is no longer an option. Other options include Home School (which is independent of the school district) or Distributed Learning (DL) courses that are available through other districts. Vancouver, North Vancouver, Burnaby have these options.

What can you do as a parent in our community?

- Continue to do daily family health checks
- Continue to follow school drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Keep your bubbles small
- Stay up to date with the health authorities' guidelines
- **BE KIND. BE CALM. BE SAFE**