



# WVSS Special Bulletin

## Secondary Continuity of Learning Update

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Dear families,

I want to share with you our planning and explain what a functional closure is and what it may look like for us in West Vancouver.

West Vancouver Secondary School will reopen to our students on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> with renewed safety plans. It is possible that at some point we may need to close temporarily, because of staff illness and we want to ensure our families have the most up-to-date information to be prepared if this does indeed happen.

A school closure MAY occur due to:

- **Health closure of a school**, which is determined by Vancouver Coastal Health due to the COVID19 case count in, or related to, a school.
- **Functional closure of a school**, which is determined by the school district due to a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high absenteeism of staff and the inability to replace those absences.

A health or functional closure may vary in length but is intended to be temporary. We anticipate that this could be anywhere from 2-7 days as these closures are not the same as a long term move to remote learning.

To prepare for the potential for a temporary closure, information will be shared with families to ensure they can access learning opportunities during this time. Your child's teacher(s) will primarily share information through Google Classroom.

Please ensure:

- Our school has your up-to-date email address and contact information.
- Your child can access their Google Classroom for each course.
- If you require technology to use in the event of a temporary closure, please contact the school principal to plan for the loan of equipment.

If you require assistance with any of this and/or if you require password help, your child should contact their teacher(s).

Should a closure be determined while students are still in attendance, we will encourage students to take home what they need which may include school supplies, books and/or technology.

A temporary closure will not replicate an in-school learning environment. In the event of a closure, we will follow the current secondary timetable. Teachers will connect with students via Google Meet or provide instructions via Google Classroom for the beginning of each class. We anticipate that learning during this time may include both synchronous connections (i.e. Google Meets for whole class or small group instruction) as well as more independent learning opportunities. This will vary depending on the course and reason for the closure. For students with additional support needs, the school team will work together to provide continuity of learning support.

During the time of a temporary school closure, please keep the school informed as to any changes in health or ability to engage with the learning opportunities, so that the school can best support your child during this time.

While we hope that there will not be a need for a temporary closure, we want to ensure that all involved are supported and connected during such a time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

With regard,

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