



After carefully considering information provided by public health and our local medical health officer, a review of the [K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies](#), and guidance provided by the BC Public Schools Employers Association, the West Vancouver Board of Education is not proceeding with a COVID-19 vaccine policy for staff at this time.

As we have done since March 2020, we continue to rely on guidance from Vancouver Coastal Health. The Board met with VCH last week and they confirmed that West Vancouver and the North Shore enjoy exceptionally high vaccination rates and our local schools continue to be a low risk setting for COVID transmission. Vancouver Coastal Health does not recommend implementing a vaccine policy for West Vancouver School District staff.

The Board will continue to monitor local case and transmission data, as well as any new and relevant information, and will revisit this decision if warranted.

We strongly believe vaccines are the most valuable tool we have to keep our schools safe, and we encourage everyone in our community to get vaccinated. We thank everyone for their efforts to support the health, safety, and well-being of staff and students.

West Vancouver Board of Education