

Seycove PAC Meeting
October 13th, 2020
7:00pm
Online via Zoom





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AGENDA

Acknowledgement

1. Introductions
2. Approval of agenda & minutes
3. Treasurer's report – Dan Dandar
4. Principal's report – Rob McLeod
5. New Business
6. Close



Acknowledgment and Appreciation



Introductions:

Approval of Minutes:

Treasurer's Report ... *Dan Dandar*

Principal's report



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COVID-19 Exposure in School

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What was announced?



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October 9, 2020

Dear Seycove Secondary Families,

Vancouver Coastal Health has confirmed that a member of our Seycove Secondary school community has tested positive for COVID-19. They are self-isolating at home with support from local public health teams.

We are supporting Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) as they undertake contact tracing. VCH has contacted those who need to be informed about the exposure. Through contact tracing, VCH will further notify those directly who will need to self-isolate for 14 days. VCH protocols include:

- Performing contact tracing.
- Determining if anyone in the school community was in contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were potentially infectious.
- Determining if anyone in the school community is a close contact that is required to self-isolate.

Information about the process Vancouver Coastal Health follows in the case of a school exposure is available [HERE](#).

It is important for you to know that only Vancouver Coastal Health can determine who is a close contact. *If you are contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health, please follow their advice. If you are not contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health, it has been determined that your child is not at risk at developing COVID-19. If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, please call 8-1-1.*

To ensure personal privacy rights are maintained, we will not be providing additional details. We will however continue to work closely with Vancouver Coastal Health to provide ongoing communication as required. In addition, we have prepared an [FAQ](#) to answer questions you may have concerning the management of illness and confirmed cases.

I appreciate this news may be unsettling for many in our school community. However, I would like to reassure you that the health, safety and well-being of our students, staff and families remain our highest priority. We will continue to implement the strict protocols and procedures that are in place so that students and staff can continue to attend school as safely as possible.



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As the school year continues, it is normal that students and staff will be away from school from time-to-time due to illness, vacation or family circumstances. Please do not engage in rumors or speculation, and please continue with the [daily health checks](#) to monitor your child for illness. Thank you for your support as we work through this together, with kindness and compassion, to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,

Rob McLeod
School Principal

What does that mean?



- As part of our protocol, when someone who has attended a school has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the school / district will be notified by public health and contact tracing will begin.
- Vancouver Coastal Health has already contacted those who need to be informed about the exposure (families and staff).
- Anyone identified as a close contact will be notified directly by public health and asked to self-isolate at home for 14 days from their last date of possible exposure.
- Public health officials will work closely with the school to determine if further actions should be taken, and the school will support student learning while they are in self-isolation.
- Personal privacy rights and confidentiality will continue to be maintained for anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Vancouver Coastal Health Guidance



Public Health will contact you directly in the case of any school exposure involving your child.

All schools in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region have robust safety plans in place. Schools are considered a controlled environment because they include a consistent grouping of people, such as a class setting.

VCH's Public Health team is dedicated to consistently and vigorously monitoring and tracing cases of COVID-19 in schools and we continue to support school communities to manage cases if and when they occur.

Should a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, our immediate priority is to notify individuals who may be exposed in the most direct manner. This is the most effective public health practice as it allows us to quickly contact affected individuals as well as maintain patient confidentiality.

When we are unable to directly reach all close contacts in a timely manner, we use other means to contact students, parents and staff, which may include a letter and/or public notification.

This page is updated when we have issued a letter or a public notification regarding an exposure at a school. Even in these situations, all close contacts would have received notification that they are at risk.

For more information, [read the Joint Statement from Dr. Patricia Daly, VCH Chief Medical Health Officer and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer.](#)

At any time, if you or your child develop any symptoms of COVID-19, please [seek testing and then self-isolate.](#)

Vancouver Coastal Health Process



COVID-19 school notification process:

If a student or teacher receives a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, Public Health follows a rigorous protocol:

- Contact tracing is initiated to determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- We identify and notify close contacts who may be at an increased risk, and advise them to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- Only Public Health can determine who is a close contact. Learning groups, friends or other connections may not be determined to be a close contact.
- Public Health staff works closely with the school and school district throughout the case and contact management process to maintain close communication with the school community.

If your child's school receives a notification of exposure:

A notification does not mean your child has been exposed to COVID-19.

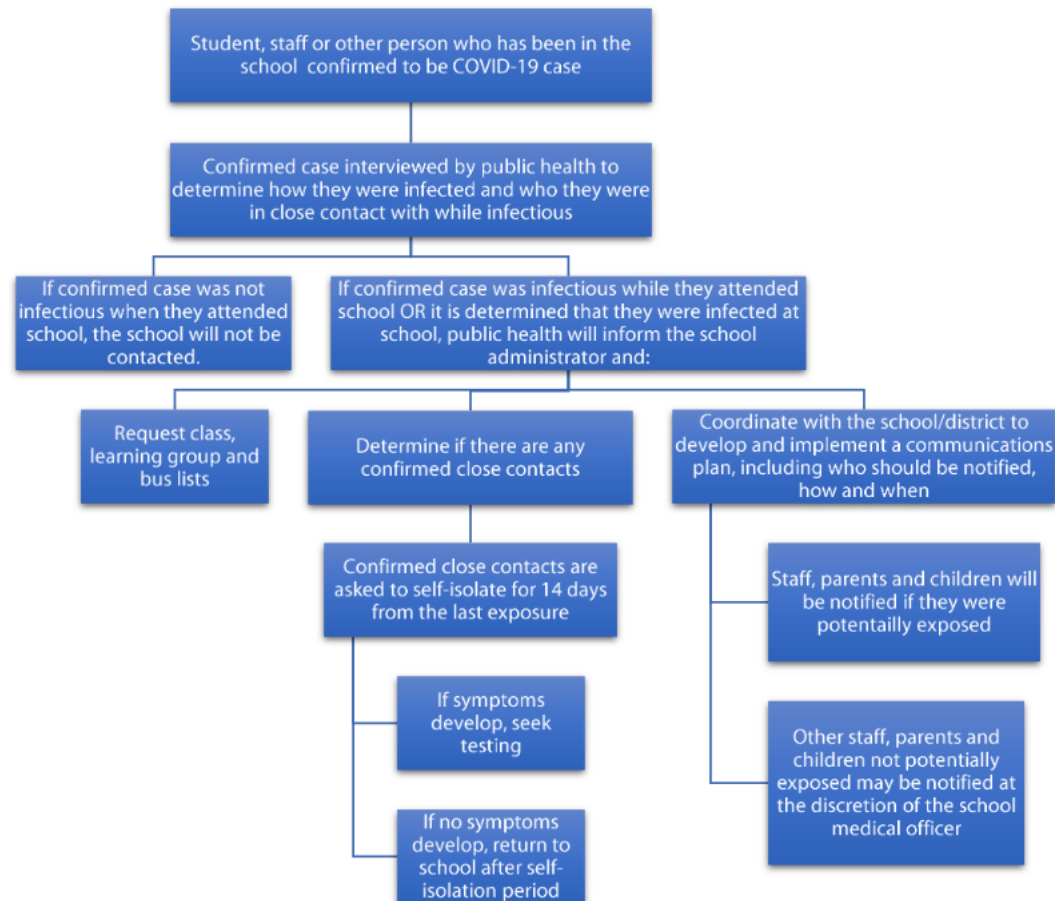
If you do not receive a phone call or letter from Public Health, your child should continue to attend school. You can monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms daily using the [BC COVID-19 Health Assessment Tool](#).

More information and resources regarding schools and COVID-19 is available at bccdc.ca/covid19.

Source: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/school-exposures>

Public Health Actions in a School

Figure A: Public Health Actions in Response to Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in a School



Confirmed close contacts are determined based on the length of time of exposure and nature of the interaction. **Only public health can determine who is a close contact.**

Terminology



A *confirmed case* is a person with laboratory confirmation of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 performed at a community, hospital or reference laboratory.

A *potential exposure at a school* occurs when a student or staff is a confirmed case of COVID-19 AND the student or staff attended school when they may have been potentially infectious.

A *school cluster* is when there are multiple confirmed and linked cases of COVID-19 among students and/or staff within a 14-day period. The determination of clusters can only be made by medical health officers.

Cases and clusters are not considered *outbreaks*. The declaration of an outbreak of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease in a school setting is at the discretion of the school medical officer. This is expected to occur rarely, and only when exceptional measures are needed to control transmission.

Terminology



Contact tracing is a process led by local health authorities to identify people who have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

- Contact tracing helps people get diagnosed earlier and reduces the chance of spreading COVID-19.
- Only contacts who may have been exposed to respiratory droplets from the confirmed case (through coughing, sneezing or speaking) need to be identified.

Self-isolation means staying home and avoiding situations where you could come in contact with others. Self-isolation is required for those confirmed as a case of COVID-19 and those who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Quarantine is a term typically reserved for people who return from travel outside the country, who are at risk of developing COVID-19

Q/A for students and families



Is it safe for my child to return to school?

- Yes. It is safe for your child to come to school.
- If you are not contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health, your child should continue to attend school (even while contact tracing is underway).
- Please continue to perform the daily health check before sending your child to school.

Will any curriculum or classes be affected by the absence of a student or staff in self-isolation?

- No. School administrators will ensure necessary plans are in place to support continuity of learning for students who are required to self-isolate.
- No. The NVSD has contingency plans in place to arrange coverage for staff who are required to self-isolate.

Q/A for students and families



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

- Our schools and district are following the guidance provided by public health officials, and we will continue to work with public health officials to determine if any other actions are necessary.
- Our *NVSD School Stage 2 Restart Plan*, available on our NVSD website, includes details on how we are reducing the number of in-person, close interactions students and staff will have in a day through the use of learning groups and physical distancing measures.
- Our plans also include a rigorous cleaning and disinfection plan that includes:
 - 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.

Q/A for students and families



I am concerned for my child's safety. Can I withdraw my child from in-person, in-class instruction and register for the transition program?

- No. The deadline for the transition program has passed.
- Our schools are safe, with strict health and safety measures in place.
- Our health and safety plans recognize there may be occasional COVID-19 exposures in our schools, and our goal is to limit the spread by reducing the number of in-person, close interactions students and staff will have in a day.
- It is important that all school community members continue to screen for symptoms of illness before entering the school.

Can you share further details about this current situation at Seycove?

No. For privacy reasons, we cannot provide further details.

Resources



- Call 8-1-1 for health information
- Use the **Daily Health Check** before sending your child to school
([https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/=))
- Visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website (<http://www.bccdc.ca/>)
- Visit the Vancouver Coastal Health website (www.vch.ca)
- Review the NVSD COVID-19 Management of Illness and Confirmed Cases FAQs
(www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/ConfirmedCasesFAQ/)
- Bookmark the NVSD COVID-19 Resource web pages (www.sd44.ca/COVID-19)

Summary points:

- We are the “Test case”
- “Rumours”
- Vigilance
- Deep cleaning
- Feedback from the community
- General Summary

‘Be kind, be calm and be safe’

COVID continued Vigilance:

Students are still arriving at school without masks: we distribute a minimum of 10-15 masks a day (over 300 since we came back, and the number is increasing)

Always refer back to the District COVID protocols, they post most recent updates:

<https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Re: Masks:

- Students and staff are welcome to wear a mask at anytime.
- Students within a learning cohort are not required to wear a mask in the classroom.
- In common areas masks are required at all times. Students & staff should put on their mask prior to entering school and leaving class.
- Masks are not required in the hybrid class as cohorts are small, unless physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Even when masks are worn, physical distancing will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group

Visitors in the school

There is limited / restricted access to school sites.

If you are planning on coming to the school (including parent/guardians) we ask that you call ahead to the office to make appointments or arrangements.

The Front (Main) school entrance is allocated for visitor entry and exit

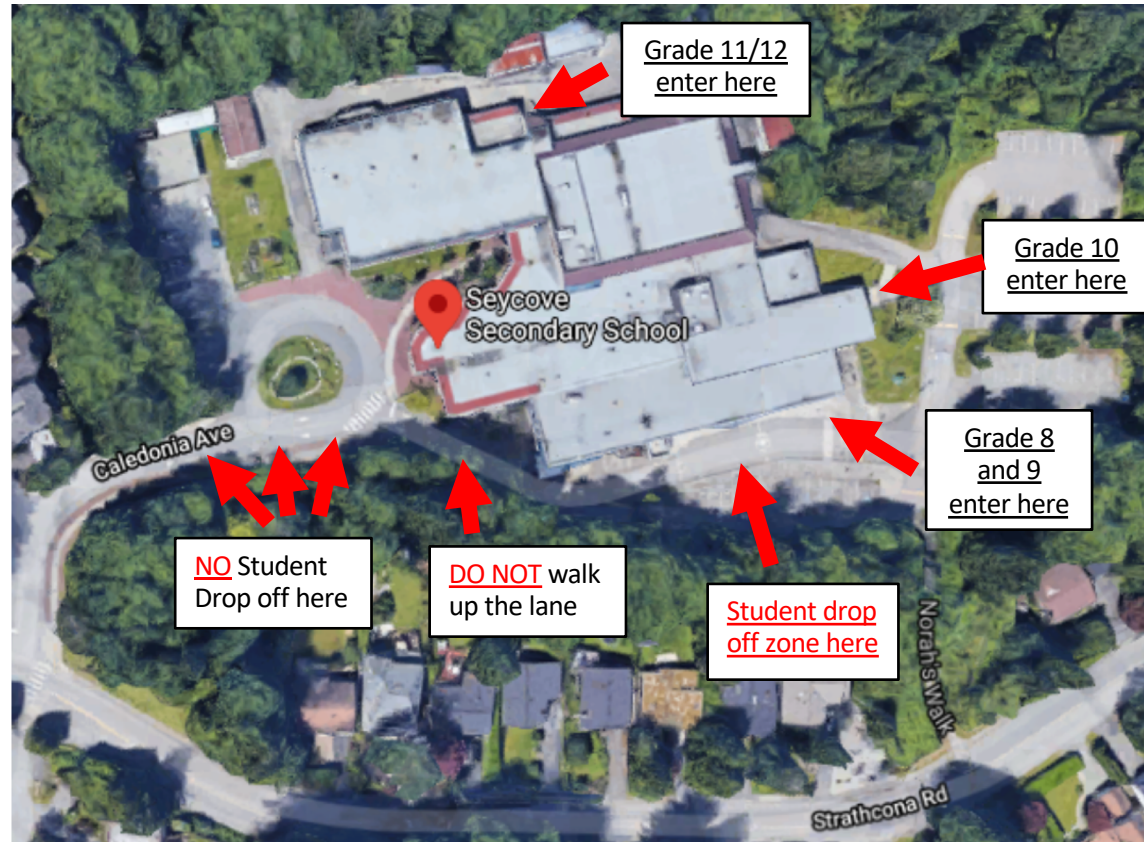
Visitors must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Perform a health self-check prior to entry
- Sign in and out
- Practice hand hygiene immediately on arrival and prior to exiting
- Notify the office that they are waiting at the front.

Reminder re: Arriving at School by Car

As a reminder, Here is an excerpt from the original bulletin around traffic congestion.
The entire bulletin can be found here ([bulletin #4](#))

DO NOT take short cuts by using the wrong entrance. **DO NOT** walk up the lane to the front of the school, it is not safe to do so. We are separating the cohorts for safety reasons. These entrances have been assigned to reduce traffic congestion and maintain our grade cohorts.



Lunches update

Here are the options for students:

1. Go home for lunch, if you live close enough, or if you are not returning for the afternoon.
2. Eat outside, socially distanced, weather permitting.
3. Eat in the hallways as a cohort, in front of your morning classroom. This will keep students localized in their morning “zone.” We have placed benches in each of the 3 hallway “zones” for student use. (300 level, 200 level west, 200 level east by music)

Other non-COVID Bullets:

Interims:

We are almost halfway through the first Quarter, which is the equivalent of having 50% of the course completed. To ensure communication with parents and Students about a student’s progress, an interim report from the teacher to all students and parents will be published through MyEd. If you are unsure about your child’s progress to date, please reach out to the teacher directly at any time.

Interims will be published, through the MyED reporting tool, during the following periods:

Quarter One Interim	October 19 – 30
Quarter Two Interim	December 14 – 17
Quarter Three Interim	March 8 – 11
Quarter Four Interim	May 31 – June 3

Interims will reference a cumulative grade to data comment that addresses a students’ achievement in relation to curricular expectations and learning standards (what they know, understand and are able to demonstrate), areas for further development, and guidance to help support their learning

NOTE:

For “Full-Year” Courses, communication of student learning will occur at the end of each quarter
For “Elective Rotation/Wheel Courses” the final communication of student learning will occur by the end of each quarter

HYBRID Switch (Grade 10/11/12 only):

This Thursday, [October 15th](#), the Hybrid classes will switch. Students in Grades 10 to 12 are organized in cohorts based on their morning class for the first half of the Quarter and the afternoon class for the second half

For the first half of each Quarter Grade 10 to 12 students will have:

AM class - fully face-to-face; PM class hybrid model (remote & face-to-face)

For the second half of each Quarter it flips

AM class - hybrid model (remote & face-to-face); PM class – fully face-to-face

NOTE: This way each class receives an equal amount of face-to-face and hybrid time.

On-Line Hybrid expectations (Grade 10/11/12 only):

An online day is not a day-off. Teachers vary slightly in the way Monday's Hybrid lesson is delivered, and the expectations for the alternate days (Tu/Thur and Wed/Fri) when the students are not in class. However, there are still assignments that are to be completed and in the case of Mondays often lectures which need to be attended.

Please confirm with your classroom teacher directly about expectations for their course.

PLP Audit

The scope of the KPMG audit of PLP program finances has recently concluded. District finance staff are currently reviewing the Auditor recommendations, and will bring forth a plan to the District Leadership Team for consideration shortly. The Auditors have recommended a revision to the Board Policy to include additional guidance on financial administration and oversight of field trip funds.

Once the plan has been vetted with the District Leadership Team, PLP families will be contacted and informed of outstanding amounts owing to them, and the timeline for refunds to be processed will be communicated.

District finance staff are working very hard to finalize the recommendations and conclude this process.

Questions?

New Business

Close

