COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

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RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

West Coast Adventist School is committed to the health and safety of its staff and students. In the continually-changing landscape of COVID-19, it follows that staff, students, and parents must stay apprised of the situation and remain aware and in adherence with whatever Provincial Health policies and guidelines have been enacted. **As WCAS is a distributed learning (online) school, and all of our students are working remotely, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that Provincial Health Authority and the student's local health authority COVID-19 guidelines are being adhered to within the individual student's learning environment.** Please find below a list of helpful links to help inform your decision-making:

[Fraser Health COVID-19 Information](#)

[Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

[WorkSafe BC COVID-19 Protocols for Businesses](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 Community Settings](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 data](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 for the public](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control: COVID-19 self-assessment for testing](#)

COMMUNITY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Although our school is entirely online, our students are still engaged in learning activities outside their homes, or are inviting service providers into their homes for instruction. As such, the parent should be mindful of following the WCAS Health & Safety Guidelines for community learning activities. Students engaged in community learning activities (both regulated and unregulated) should be following the provincial guidelines for health and safety listed in the resources above. The school will be enacting the following procedures to ensure mindfulness around procedures to protect student health and safety:

- Health and Safety protocols for in-person programs and services must align with the [Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) and [WorkSafe BC.](#) These protocols

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must be implemented when school-engaged third-party services are offered in an unregulated environment. Parents will be asked to provide documentation of the fact that they have reviewed the above resources and intend to do their utmost to ensure that the protocols and procedures are being followed through the student's school day.

- WCAS provides students up to $600 funding per year for third-party providers of learning activities that are covered by the BC Curriculum (regulated). **Effective November 25, 2020, WCAS will not be issuing funding for any provider that has not confirmed that they intend to follow the guidelines listed in whichever of these two resources [(Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools and WorkSafe BC)](#) applies best to the context**. In most cases, third party providers will be functioning under the WorkSafe BC guidelines.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

In the case where a student/staff member was confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, WCAS would work with its local health authority, Fraser Health (as well as the local authority of the student or staff member, if s/he lived outside of the Fraser Health region), to ensure that appropriate communications were put in place with those impacted.

Because of the entirely-remote learning environment of our school, no school programming would be impacted in the case of a contraction or exposure of a student or staff member. **Parents are asked to please inform the school administration if a student contracts or is exposed to COVID-19**. Staff members should also contact the office immediately if they are exposed to or contract COVID-19. Both staff and students are encouraged to get tested immediately if they meet the requirements lists on [the Self-Assessment for Testing](#) application, published by the BC CDC.

Each one of our staff members and families is an appreciated and important part of our WCAS community, and we value your understanding and efforts in taking necessary precautionary measures to keep yourself and others in your community safe and healthy.

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