



Continuation of Learning Jan 2022 (Planning for Omicron)

Following the Ministry of Education guidelines, Mount Baker Secondary School has developed a plan to help slow the spread of the Omicron variant and provide for a continuation of learning should we have a temporary school closure. The following highlights our plans and significant changes from previous protocols:

Health and Safety Protocols	
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Baker has an onsite daytime custodian. • Cleaning will be done once every 24 hours. Frequently touched surfaces (door knobs, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, etc.) will be cleaned more often when possible.
Hand Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each classroom will have hand sanitizer to allow for regular/consistent hand hygiene. Students and staff are asked to sanitize hands upon entry to a room.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required while in the building. Exceptions are when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outdoors - a barrier is in place - eating or drinking • Masks must be worn for low intensity indoor activities in PE classes. For high intensity indoor activities masks are optional. However: physical distance (2m) should be maintained for high intensity activities.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff must try to maintain as much physical distance as feasible while in common places and in classrooms. • At the beginning of lunch and at the end of day, some classes may be dismissed at staggered intervals to limit congestion. Teachers will determine when a staggered dismissal is appropriate.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g. teacher candidates, public health nurse, RCMP). • No community use will be allowed at this time. • Exterior doors will remain locked to manage building access.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students wishing to stay at school during the lunch hour can eat lunch in the classroom they attend right after the lunch break. • The lunchroom will not be open because it functions as a classroom.



Continuation of Learning Jan 2022 (Planning for Omicron)

Health and Safety Protocols	
Health and Safety Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff, students, and visitors must complete a personal health check. If someone is ill or has any symptoms of Covid, they should not come to school.• Someone developing symptoms at school will have to go home.

Continuation of Learning (In the event of temporary closure)	
Communication Between Students and Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students should regularly check their school district email for instructions from teachers (<i>student number@sd5.bc.ca</i>).• Students in doubt about what they should be doing should email their teachers (<i>first name.last name@sd5.bc.ca</i>).
Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each class will adopt a delivery method most appropriate for the course. Some will have required attendance times that match the school timetable. Other classes will be self-paced and students will connect with teachers as required.

Sports and Extracurricular	
Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams and clubs can practice/meet, but they must respect health and safety protocols
Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games can occur, but only as a singular event with one other team.• Multi-team tournaments are not permitted.• Spectators are not permitted at this time.