



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE ORDERED CLOSURE OF A CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL

As the COVID-19 Pandemic continues, there may be positive cases in an NCDSB classroom or school that will be ordered for closure by the local health officials.

If this happens, here is what you can expect:



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COMMUNICATION OF CLOSURE

Efforts will be made to offer notification to families as early as 7:00 a.m. and as late as 9:30 p.m. You can expect a Blackboard Connect phone message, an email and/or a personal call from school staff.

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DIRECTION FROM LOCAL HEALTH UNIT

Families will be notified directly by the local health unit about what actions must be taken during a closure. This may include the need for self-monitoring or the need for self-isolation and COVID-19 testing. The local health unit will also provide guidance on any potential impacts to other family members and the anticipated return to school date.



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ON-GOING LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

Students will continue learning through Brightspace while at home. Each class has a classroom set up and students have been taught how to use it by their teacher. The transition to the virtual classroom will take between 24 and 48 hours.



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ACCESSING BRIGHTSPACE

Go to <https://ncdsb.elearningontario.ca/d2l/login> to access Brightspace using your child's usual computer credentials. Your child's teacher will post announcements, work and links to virtual meetings in his/her classroom space each day. Contact with your child's teacher should occur through email as needed.



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EXPECTATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ON-LINE

Unless your child is ill, he/she is expected to take part in learning as usual each day. This means he/she should be ready to begin the day at 9 am and to participate in all learning activities planned for the day. If your child is unable to participate on any given day due to illness, please call the school to report his/her absence as usual.



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NEED A DEVICE?

To effectively connect to the Brightspace classroom, your child will need a device such as a Chromebook, laptop or desktop computer. Tablets and phones are not sufficient. Devices will be provided by the NCDSB to those who need one. If you have not already identified your need on the survey done in October, please contact the school principal by leaving a message on the school voicemail. Arrangements will be made for you to pick one up.



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