Further Reading

Websites

Canadian Medical Association Journal – Suicide “contagion”: what we know and what we need to find out (online article)
http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2013/05/27/cmaj.130678.full.pdf

Centre for Suicide Prevention – Suicide Contagion and Suicide Clusters (online article)
http://suicideinfo.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=WXg70KbEYsA=

Media Guidelines

Mind Set – Reporting on Mental Health, Covering Suicide
https://sites.google.com/a/journalismforum.ca/mindset-mediaguide-ca/suicide

Articles


_The internet can be both positive and negative for adolescents predisposed to suicide._


_The Internet and especially social networking sites are important sources of suicide stories. Discussion forums are associated with increases in ideation._


_An overview of ways that social media can influence suicidal behavior, both negatively and positively._

Strategies include parent/teacher training in technology and cyberbullying, interventions focused more on student behavior than technology restriction, and helping students increase their online safety and awareness.


*Exposure to suicide predicts suicide ideation and attempts. Results support school-wide interventions over strategies that target interventions toward students closest to the decedent.*


*Because adolescents are most at risk for contagion, the school community can play an important role in identifying students who are vulnerable to imitative suicide and intervene to decrease the propensity for lethal behavior.*