

Sample Announcements for Suicide

If the death has been declared a suicide:

“We are sad to announce that _____ took his life last night. Memorial services will be made by his family. Counselling will be provided for those who wish to speak with a counselor. It is always a shock when we hear of someone taking his or her life. Let’s cancel our work today to discuss this.”



If the death has not been declared suicide or if that fact has not been made public:

“ _____ died last night of a gunshot wound. He apparently had a gun in his hand when it fired. Counselling will be provided for those wishing to speak with someone. When an unexpected incident such as this occurs, it helps to discuss it. Regular class work will be canceled to allow time for discussion.