



Education (E-7)
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

January 6, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and school staff

RE: COVID-19 school health and safety

We are writing to let you know that some high school-aged students in Whitehorse have been advised by Yukon Communicable Disease Control to self-isolate in an abundance of caution due to a potential exposure to COVID-19 over the Christmas break while outside of school.

School operations

We are working closely with and following the advice of Yukon Communicable Disease Control and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health so that all proper precautions are being taken to ensure health and safety in our schools.

Yukon Communicable Disease Control and the Chief Medical Officer of Health have advised us that no Yukon school is considered an exposure site for potential COVID-19 transmission, and all Yukon schools remain low-risk environments. As a result, all schools continue to remain open while following their school operational plans and all health and safety guidelines.

Contact tracing and self-isolation

Yukon Communicable Disease Control leads the response to any situations in which there is a potential COVID-19 exposure in Yukon. They are dealing with the current situation as follows:

- they are directly contacting anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19;
- they are providing direction about whether those people need to stay home and self-isolate; and
- they are making follow-up recommendations to ensure health and safety, including the public communication of any potential exposure sites.

If you are **not** contacted by Yukon Communicable Disease Control, it has been determined you and your child are currently **not at risk**. Please do not contact them directly.

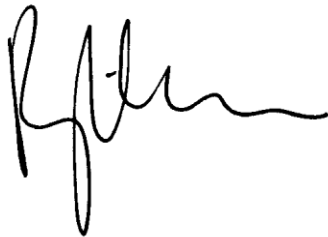
We understand that you may have concerns and want to know more; however, please respect the privacy of others and the process led by Yukon Communicable Disease Control.

Important reminders

- Remember to monitor your child for symptoms every day before attending school using the traffic light checker: yukon.ca/en/can-your-child-go-school-poster
- If you think your child requires testing, please have them do the online self-assessment tool on Yukon.ca at: service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment/
- Visit yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information for verified and up-to-date information on COVID-19.
- Visit yukon.ca/health-safety-schools-covid-19 for COVID-19 health and safety information related to schools.
- To learn more about your school's operational plan, please visit your school website or contact your school administration.

We will continue to provide additional information to parents/guardians as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sikkes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Sikkes
ADM of Schools and Student Services