



**Yukon Communicable Disease Control
4 Hospital Rd, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3H8**

November 9, 2021

Dear parents, guardians and students,

This letter is to inform you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of a **positive case of COVID-19 affecting the Route #5 School Bus from October 29th to November 4th with:**

- Afternoon pickup at Selkirk Elementary, Whitehorse Elementary and drop off at Crestview, Birch, Raven's Ridge, Kopper King

If you are unsure which bus route your child takes, please visit yukon.ca/en/school-bus-schedules

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread through droplets when a person coughs, speaks, or by touching surfaces contaminated by the virus with your hands and then touching your face before washing your hands.

You or your child may receive multiple exposure notices for different events. If you have received advice to self-isolate and also advice to self-monitor, then you should self-isolate. If you have received different dates for the duration of your self-isolation or self-monitoring, then use the latest date (longest duration).

Please talk to your children about their bus rides. Make sure they wear their mask for the whole ride and stay in their assigned seat to protect everyone's health.

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, **we recommend that everyone who rode the Route #5 School Bus on the above date and time self-monitor for symptoms through November 18th.** It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and you arrange for testing.

Please monitor for any of these signs/symptoms of COVID-19. They include:

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| • Fever | • Sore throat | • Loss of appetite |
| • Chills | • Loss of sense of taste or smell | • Nausea and vomiting |
| • Cough | • Headache | • Diarrhea |
| • Shortness of breath | • Fatigue | • Muscle aches |
| • Runny nose | | |

Symptoms of COVID-19 may be mild or severe and often have a different presentation in persons who are very young or older persons. While most people will experience mild illness, older adults and people with pre-existing medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness.

If you develop any symptoms, no matter how mild, contact the **COVID Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083**. When calling CTAC, please mention that you are part of the Route #5 School Bus notifications.

If you are eligible for COVID-19 immunization and not yet fully immunized, please book your immunization after your isolation period has ended. For general information on COVID-19 see yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information