



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

December 25, 2021

To parents, guardians, students and staff of Whitehorse Elementary School,

Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of a positive case of COVID-19 at Whitehorse Elementary School affecting the:

Grade 2B, on December 14-16

All staff and students who attended or worked in the above classes have been identified as close 'contacts' of COVID-19. YCDC has completed a careful risk assessment and the clinical care direction for students and staff attending or working in the above classes is:

- A. self-isolate until December 26 inclusive, and self-monitor for symptoms through December 30, 2021, if:
 - contact is not fully immunized against COVID-19 (as described below in Section B).
- B. self-monitor for symptoms through December 30, if:
 - contact is not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication AND has received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to November 30.
OR
 - contact is significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication AND has received 3 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to November 30.
OR
 - contact has been diagnosed with lab confirmed COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and arrange for testing. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that is spread through droplets when a person coughs, speaks, or touches surfaces contaminated by the virus and then touches their face before washing their hands.

Symptoms to self-monitor for 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 were to develop any symptoms, no matter how mild, contact the Covid Testing and Assessment Centre at 867-393-3083. When calling, please mention that you are part of the Whitehorse Elementary School 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