



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

October 10, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians, students and staff,

This letter is to inform you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of a **further positive case of COVID-19 at Elijah Smith Elementary School** affecting the:

- Grade 4 Class, held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Students and staff connected to the above class have been identified as close contacts of COVID-19.** 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.

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, we recommend the following for students and staff connected to the above classes:

- **If you have received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through October 21<sup>st</sup>, inclusive.** It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work and arrange for testing.
- **If you are partially-vaccinated (1 dose only) or unvaccinated, or are fully immunized but with significant immunosuppression, you are recommended to self-isolate until October 17<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through October 21<sup>st</sup>, inclusive.** It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you arrange for testing.

Symptoms to self-monitor for include:

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

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 Elijah Smith 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](https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information)