



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

October 28, 2021

To Parents/Guardians, Staff and Children at Grow with Joy Child Care,

Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of a **positive case of COVID-19 affecting those who staff and children in the infant groups** at Grow with Joy Child Care, located at Unit E - 2157 2nd Avenue, Whitehorse from October 18th to 20th, 2021.

All children and staff who attended or provided care, in the infant groups on October 18th, 19th and 20th, 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. Children in these age groups often have mild symptoms.

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, we recommend the following for all children and staff that attended or who provided care to the infant groups on October 18th, 19th and 20th:

- If you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication AND have received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to October 4th, we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 3rd.
- If you are significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication AND have received 3 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to October 4th, we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 3rd.
- All others not fully immunized are recommended to self-isolate until October 30th, inclusive, and self-monitor for symptoms through November 3rd.

It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you arrange for testing.

Symptoms to self-monitor for include:

• 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.

To book a COVID-19 test, contact the COVID Testing and Assessment Center (CTAC) directly at 867-393-3083. When calling CTAC, please mention you are connected to Grow with Joy Day Child Care.

If you are eligible for COVID-19 immunization, please book your immunization after your isolation period

has ended. For general information on COVID-19 see yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information