



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

October 24, 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 **positive case of COVID-19 at Johnson Elementary School** affecting the:

- Grade 3 class on Thursday October 21st, 2021

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.

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.

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 October 7th, 2021, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 4th inclusive.**
- **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 31st inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through November 4th, 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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| • 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 | | |

If you develop **any** symptoms, no matter how mild, contact **the Watson Lake Community Hospital at (867) 536-4444**. When calling the Watson Lake Community Hospital, please mention that you are part of the Johnson 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