



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

October 6, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians, students and staff,

This letter is to notify you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of an **additional positive case of COVID-19 at Johnson Elementary School** in Watson Lake affecting the:

- Grade 7 Class, from October 5th – 6th

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 22nd, 2021, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend that you self-monitor for symptoms through October 20th, 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 16th, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through October 20th, 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 | | |

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 **Watson Lake Health Centre directly at 867-536-5255**. When calling the health center please mention that you are part of the Johnson Elementary School notifications.

You can also contact **the Watson Lake Community Hospital at 867-536-4444**. When calling the 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