



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

November 7, 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 St Elias Community School in Haines Junction** affecting the following classes:

- Grade 12 class, on Monday November 1st afternoon

Students and staff who attended or worked in 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. After careful analysis, we recommend the following for students and staff connected to the above class:

- 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 18th, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 15th.**
- 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 18th, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 15th.**
- All others **not fully immunized** are recommended to self-isolate until November 11th, inclusive, and self-monitor for symptoms through November 15th.

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 COVID Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083 or the Haines Junction Health Centre at 867-634-4444. When calling CTAC, please mention that you are part of the St Elias Community School, Haines Junction 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