



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

November 11, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians, students and staff,

In addition to the letter sent on November 10th, this letter is to inform you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of **a positive case of COVID-19 at Watson Lake Secondary School** affecting the:

- Period 1: Mixed Woodshop, from November 8th to 10th
- Period 2: Science 10, from November 8th to 10th
- Period 3: Physical Education 10, on November 8th and 10th
- Period 4: Composition 10, on November 8th and 10th
- Period 5: Math 10, from November 8th to 10th

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.

You or your child may receive multiple exposure notices for different events or classes. If you have received advice to self-isolate and also advice to self-monitor, then you should self-isolate. If you have received different dates for the duration of your self-isolation or self-monitoring, then use the latest date (longest duration).

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 25th, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 24th.**
- **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 25th, **we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through November 24th.**
- **All others not fully immunized are recommended to self-isolate until November 20th, inclusive, and self-monitor for symptoms through November 24th.**

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Chills• Cough• Shortness of breath• Runny nose | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sore throat• Loss of sense of taste or smell• Headache• Fatigue | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of appetite• Nausea and vomiting• Diarrhea• Muscle aches |
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If you develop any symptoms, no matter how mild, contact the **Watson Lake Health Centre at 867-536-5255**, or the **Watson Lake Community Hospital at 867-536-4444**. When calling, please mention that you are part of the **Watson Lake Secondary 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