



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

October 19, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians, students and staff,

This letter is to inform you that Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of **positive cases of COVID-19 at Elijah Smith Elementary School** affecting the:

- Grade 1/2 Split Class, on Monday October 18th, 2021
- Grade 5/6 Split Class, on Monday October 18th, 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.

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 4th, 2021,** and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend you **self-monitor for symptoms through November 1st, 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 28th, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through November 1st, 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:

• 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 develop **any** symptoms, no matter how mild, contact **the COVID Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083.** When calling CTAC, please mention that you are part of the Elijah Smith 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