



Department of Education (E-7)
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

October 8, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff

RE: Update on Grade 1/2/3 and Kindergarten return to school after self-isolation

This is a notice from the Department of Education for staff and students of the Kindergarten (including K4/K5/Early K) and Grade 1/2/3 split class at for the Ghùch Tlà Community School.

Staff and students in these classes can return to school on Tuesday, October 12 if they have completed their self-isolation requirement or have a negative COVID-19 test.

You **do not** need to provide a negative test if you have completed your self-isolation.

Please see the attached original letter from YCDC that was sent on October 1, 2021 for reference.

If you have any questions about testing, please contact the **Carcross Health Centre at 867-821-4444** or the COVID Testing and Assessment Centre (CTAC) in Whitehorse at 867-393-3083.

When calling the health center please mention that you are part of the Ghùch Tlà Community School notifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul McFadyen".

Paul McFadyen
Acting ADM of Schools and Student Services



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

October 1, 2021

Dear Parents, guardians and staff,

We are notifying you that a COVID-19 outbreak has been declared for the **Kindergarten and Grade 1/2/3 split classes** at Ghùch Tlâ Community School in Carcross.

In addition to our letter on September 25, 2021, Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) has been made aware of **additional positive cases of COVID-19 at Ghùch Tlâ Community School** in Carcross affecting the:

- Kindergarten (including K4/K5/Early Kindergarten) class from September 20 – 24 (formerly September 21 – 22)
- Grade 1/2/3 split class from September 20-24 (formerly September 20 – 23)

Students and staff connected to the above classes 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. 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, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, we recommend the following for students and staff connected to the above classes:

All staff and students connected to the Kindergarten and Grade 1/2/3 split class at Ghùch Tlâ Community School are to be tested for COVID-19, **regardless of symptoms or immunization status. This includes any student or staff who has been tested prior to October 1st, 2021.**

All staff and students (excluding current confirmed cases) connected to the Kindergarten and Grade 1/2/3 split class at Ghùch Tlâ Community School **must test negative prior to returning to school. Staff and students who are partially-vaccinated (1 dose only) or unvaccinated and decline testing are to self-isolate until Friday October 8th, inclusive.** There are several types of COVID-19 tests available, depending on your situation.

- **If you have received 2 doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to September 6th, 2021, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication, we recommend self-monitor for symptoms through October 8th, 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 4th, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through October 8th, inclusive. It is very important that if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you arrange for testing. **Staff and students who are partially-vaccinated (1 dose only) or unvaccinated and decline testing are to self-isolate until Friday October 8th, inclusive.**

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 **Carcross Health Centre at 867-821-4444**. When calling the health center please mention that you are part of the Ghùch Tlâ Community School notifications. Arrangements for additional testing in your community are being made, dates and times have not yet been finalized. For information about testing over the weekend, please contact the Carcross Health Centre.

You can also 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 Ghùch Tlâ Community 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