



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

September 25, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff

**RE: COVID-19 cases at Ghùch Tlà Community School**

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We are notifying you that the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) have confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 connected to Ghùch Tlà Community School, and have issued specific instructions (below). Schools in Carcross remain open.

We continue to work closely with YCDC and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

**Testing, self-isolation and contact tracing**

YCDC is directing:

- 1) Staff and students who are **not** identified in the following classes should self-monitor for symptoms. Please see below for the symptoms to watch for.
- 2) **Specific instructions for students and staff who attended any of the classes on the dates listed below, inclusive:**
  - Kindergarten (including K4/Early Kindergarten) from September 21 - 22
  - Grade 1/2/3 split class from September 20 - 23

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, they recommend the following for all individuals present in the classes listed above:

- If you have received **two doses** of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to September 6, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication: we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through October 7. It is very important that if **any** symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and you arrange for testing.
- If you are **partially-vaccinated** (one dose only, or two doses with the last dose received after or on September 6) **or unvaccinated**, or are fully immunized but with significant immunosuppression: you are recommended to self-isolate until October 3, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through October 7. It is very important that if **any** symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you remain self-isolated and arrange for testing.

- Siblings and other family members of the staff and students identified can continue to follow the current Yukon guidelines, including isolating and arranging testing if symptoms develop.
- As usual, all students and staff at Ghùch Tlá Community School are asked to continue monitoring for any of signs/symptoms of COVID-19:

• 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 **Carcross Health Center at 867-821-4444**. When calling the health center please mention that you are part of the Ghùch Tlá Community School notifications.

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 Tlá Community School notifications.

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.

We acknowledge you may have concerns and want to know more about confirmed cases; however, please respect the privacy of others and the process led by YCDC. This notification is being issued out of the utmost caution for our staff and students.

The school continues to follow the health and safety K-12 school guidelines as recommended.

### Important reminders

- As always, we ask that anyone who feels unwell or sick in any way to stay home, regardless of their vaccination status. This includes staying home when you have a seasonal cold, the flu, etc.
- Visit [yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](http://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information) for verified and up-to-date information on COVID-19.
- Visit [K-12 school guidelines for 2021-22](#) for COVID-19 health and safety information related to schools.

We will provide additional information to parents/guardians as needed.

Sincerely,



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