



**Education (E-1)**  
**PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

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Dear parents/guardians

RE: COVID-19 update before March break

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As of Friday March 13, we plan for schools to continue to operate as normal upon return from March break. This is based on the most current recommendations from Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Currently, there is no recommendation to stay home from school or be tested unless you have travelled outside of Canada **and** are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). Students, families and school staff should be welcomed back into the school and community.

However, the situation is rapidly changing in Canada and internationally. Families and school staff should check the website before school starts again for any updates: [yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners](http://yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners).

There are currently no cases of COVID-19 in Yukon and the risk within Yukon remains low. However, the situation is rapidly changing. The health and safety of students and staff is our first priority. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are taking all precautions at the advice of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

This information is up-to-date as of March 13, 2020. We will continue to provide regular updates through the schools as needed and on the website listed above.

For more information:

- Government of Yukon website: [yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners](http://yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners).
- Government of Canada website: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)
- Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Press Conference: [www.facebook.com/yukongov/videos/229069328230563/](https://www.facebook.com/yukongov/videos/229069328230563/)

Thank you and I sincerely wish you an enjoyable and safe March break.

Sincerely,

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