

November 30, 2020

Dear Parent/guardian and school staff



**Re: Non-medical mask use at school and on the bus**

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This is a friendly reminder that non-medical mask use in schools and on school buses is taking effect on December 1.

As per the Chief Medical Officer of Health's updated health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings:

- Students age 10 and older and staff are required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor school settings outside of the classroom. This includes hallways, common areas and on school buses.
- Masks are not required for students under the age of 10 (although those students may wear masks if they wish to do so).

Staff and students are encouraged to bring their own reusable non-medical mask for use in school and on the school bus. If they do not have one to use, there will be masks available at the school and on the school bus.

We acknowledge that recent cases of COVID-19 in Whitehorse and Yukon cause additional concern in our communities. Following these updated guidelines ensures our schools continue to remain low risk environments while still allowing students to continue their learning at school. All parents and staff must also continue to play a part by following the Safe 6 and staying home when sick or showing symptoms. For more information:

- Monitor for symptoms using the traffic checker at: [yukon.ca/symptom-assessment-child](https://yukon.ca/symptom-assessment-child)
- View the updated health and safety guidelines at: [yukon.ca/health-safety-schools-covid-19](https://yukon.ca/health-safety-schools-covid-19).

At all times, our school is following the advice and direction of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health and Yukon Communicable Disease Control and are taking the proper measures to keep students, staff and communities safe. Whenever there is a confirmed COVID-19 case in one of our communities, Yukon Communicable Disease Control notifies anyone who has been in close contact and provides direction on who needs to stay home and self-isolate. In our school, we will continue to follow their direction and ensure all students, staff and families remain safe. If there are impacts to the operations of our school, we will provide updates to the school community. It is important to remember that if you are not contacted directly by Yukon Communicable Disease Control, you or your child are not considered at risk.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the school.

Sincerely,  
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