



**Minister's office (CM-3)  
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

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Dear parents/guardians:

**RE: Starting the 2020-21 school year**

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As Yukon school communities finish up their school year, the Government of Yukon has turned our attention to planning for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

The territory is working towards Phase 2 of Yukon's reopening plan and anticipates being in Phase 2 on July 1. This is positive news as we look ahead to August when students are set to return to school.

### **Plan for the 2020-21 school year**

Based on the current information and situation, we are planning for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to return to classes in school at the start of the 2020-21 school year and to return students to classes based on specific health and safety guidelines for K-12 public schools developed with Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Health and safety is our first priority. To ensure students and staff can return safely to school, the Department of Education's central administration will be working with school principals and staff to begin planning their operations to follow health and safety guidance for K-12 public schools and to ensure they meet the unique needs and context of their school community. Initial guidance has been provided to start this planning and more detailed health and safety guidelines will also be developed before the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Our plan for the 2020-21 school year and the initial guidance for K-12 school settings are attached for your reference so you can learn more.

Each school will be sharing more information in August before the start of the school year so students and families know what to expect on their first day back to school.

### **School bus registration**

Students will be able to ride the school bus as they return to classes at school while following new health and safety guidelines that will be developed. Health and safety is our first priority and we will be

working with our student transportation contractor, Standard Bus, over the summer months to determine how we may need to adjust how students ride the bus.

Families in Whitehorse with children who normally ride the school bus should register to ensure we have enough buses for all students and our bus routes meet the needs of students and families. Rural families should contact the school for busing information.

Families can register by filling out the School Bus Registration Form available at [yukon.ca/en/bus](http://yukon.ca/en/bus) and submitting it to:

- Email: [student.transportation@gov.yk.ca](mailto:student.transportation@gov.yk.ca)
- In person: 1000 Lewes Boulevard, Department of Education office
- Fax: 867-667-8243

### **More information**

More information is available at [Yukon.ca](http://Yukon.ca). Click on '[COVID-19 support for Yukoners](#)' and visit the following pages under 'Education and schools':

- [Planning for the 2020-21 school year](#)
- [Information for students and families](#)
- [Support for families: school children learning at home](#)

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact your school. Additional questions may be submitted to the Department of Education at [publicschools@gov.yk.ca](mailto:publicschools@gov.yk.ca).

Sincerely,



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Minister of Education