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Updated Health and Safety Guidelines

The Chief Medical Officer of Health shared on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 that he will be providing updated health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings. This includes providing more detail and clarity on some aspects of the existing guidelines, including physical distancing in classrooms and expectations around mask use in areas outside of the classroom where physical distancing cannot be maintained. The updated guidelines will be [posted here](#) on Yukon.ca and shared with school communities once they are available.

Resources for Educators

Social Learning on Teams and OneNote

Teams and OneNote have rolled out new features that support social learning. Things like praise badges, sticker packs and Reflect messaging. All of the new features surround the goal of recognizing student social skills, grow their emotional vocabulary, and give valuable recognition in this new world of remote and hybrid learning. See the [attached blog post](#).

New Offsite Attendance Code for Aspen

The new Offsite attendance code is used to track students who are learning from a distance, and are scheduled in classes at your school. Please see [attached guide](#) on using the new Offsite attendance code in Aspen for office and teachers.

Innovation and Entrepreneurial Programming for High School Students

There is an opportunity for high schools with innovation/entrepreneurial programs to partner with Yukon University's innovation and entrepreneurship centre and the Rideau Hall foundation. The goal of the *Youth Innovation Challenge* is to inspire, encourage and celebrate the next generation of Canadian innovators and entrepreneurs. Up to 100 regional prizes will be awarded, from which 3-5 National winners will be selected. Prizes will be awarded in the form of financial and mentorship support to grow their innovations. If you are interested in this amazing opportunity for students, please contact Shelagh Rowles at srowles@yukonu.ca.

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- **Connected North Session Menus** will be arriving at your school very soon. Check out the links below and contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for more information about how you can access this amazing resource of Virtual Field Trips and Indigenous Role Models at no cost to your school! Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#).
- **Medical Illustration for Grades 3-12** In this Connected North session is facilitated by SJ Okemow, a digital illustrator and animator as well as a board-certified medical illustrator. This session will introduce students to the world of medical illustration as a career. It is a somewhat niche field that combines visual art and science. Book a free virtual visit by contacting bsherry@takingitglobal.org.

Let's Talk Science

- In *Our Living Space Classroom Project* for Grade 6, educators and leaders are encouraged to look at suggested implementation plans for in-person or virtual classrooms. [Register here](#).
- The [Careers site](#) offers more than 450 career profiles, as well as [That's A Real Job](#) and [360 degree career videos](#).

Black and Indigenous Realities: An RCTV Livestream Series

Students will watch films and then log into interactive livestreams for a conversation with the filmmakers, and with their peers across the country. The events are suitable for either remote or in-person learning, for grades 9 and up. [Register here](#) for one, two, or all three.

- November 25: Focus on Black experiences, spotlighting *The Skin We're In*
- December 1: Focus on Indigenous experiences, showcasing *Rise – Red Power: Standing Rock Part II*
- April 2021: A comparison of Black and Indigenous realities in Canada

Professional Learning Opportunities

[November 20 PD Day](#)

For those of you that have a PD day on November 20 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day, there are some offerings compiled, both live and on-demand, by Yukon Education and some also by the YTA PD Chair. Many more sessions are still to be incorporated, and are available for viewing [here](#) after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password.

Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks November 20th PD

Join Jane and John Felling of Box Cars & One-Eyed Jack on the [November 20 PD Day](#) for rousing sessions of math games you can use to engage your students and assess their learning. Four different sessions will be offered for Kindergarten to Grade Nine Educators, EAs, and LATs.

NOIIE 30 Minute Learning Bursts

NOIIE leaders

Michelle Lacoboucci (Rocky Mountain School District) and Nicole Davey (Bulkley Valley School District) will be hosting the first of a series of 30 minute learning bursts on November 18th from 4:00 to 4:30pm. These are designed as a chance to have a quick burst of new learning provided by two NOIIE schools – complete with book prizes. [Click here to learn more about the November 18th session](#). Six 30 Minute Learning Bursts will be offered throughout the year, free of charge and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the impact of inquiry on the ground in schools. **If you are interested in participating, [RSVP here](#).**

Live Virtual Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 2 (Grades 3-8, Levels L-Z)

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This session is specifically for Yukon teachers and administrators. Join Nikki Krocker and Pearson consultants on Nov. 23 & 24 from 12:30 – 3:30. If you require a substitute teacher then submit an application with the YTA [here](#). If you do not require a sub. then register with Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.

Virtual National Gathering for Indigenous Education on Nov. 25 – 27

Join the gathering, a place where educators work together to help improve the educational outcomes of K-12 Indigenous students. Early [registerants](#) receive a free copy of Tanya Talaga’s book “All Our Relations”. This year, Yukon educators Tammy Stoneman, Sharon Shadow, and Flora Asp are co-leading the workshop *Connections to Land, Water and Identity Through Indigenous Knowledge*. [More info](#).

Connecting with Students Online: Strategies for Remote Teaching & Learning

This one-hour opportunity for K-9 Educators features author Jennifer Serravallo with simplified, common sense suggestions, 55 step-by-step teaching strategies, and video examples of Jen conferring and working with small groups, *Connecting with Students Online* helps new teachers, teachers new to technology, or anyone who wants to better understand the essence of effective online instruction. Participants will receive a copy of Jennifer’s book. Date: TBD Sign up: Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca

Action Items for Consideration

- Explore the [new social learning features](#) on Teams and OneNote.
- View the [attached guide](#) on using the Offsite attendance code in Aspen.
- Consider the Innovation and Entrepreneurial Programming for High School Students.
- Watch for the Connected North session menus that are arriving in schools or access them online in [English](#) or [French](#). Book a virtual visit to your classroom with bsherry@takingitglobal.org.
- [Register here](#) for the Let’s Talk Science In *Our Living Space Classroom Project* for Grade 6.
- Check out the Let’s Talk Science [Careers site](#), [That’s A Real Job](#), and [360 degree career videos](#).
- [Register here](#) for the Black and Indigenous Realities: An RCTv Livestream Series for grades 9 and up.
- Check out the [November 20 PD Day](#) offerings and other [PD opportunities](#) available to you.
- Participate in NOIIE 30 Minute Learning Bursts, [RSVP](#) here.
- Register and watch the Fountas & Pinnell literacy webinars for Yukon on Nov. 23 & 24.
- [Register](#) for the Virtual National Gathering for Indigenous Education.
- Contact Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca about *Connecting with Students Online*.

Some reminders from previous updates

- Print a poster that provides [guidance on non-medical mask use in schools](#)
- Support students in an application for the SSLP. More info: www.bcands.bc.ca/isslp.
- Reach out to Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca or Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca if you need help with K testing.
- Contact Anne.Copland@gov.yk.ca for help exempting a gr. 12 student from the gr. 10 literacy assessment.
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English](#) [French](#)
- [Watch this short video of Dr. Brendan Hanley](#) providing a walk-through of the Whitehorse flu clinic and answering some questions about getting the vaccine. [Read the clinic schedule](#).
- Review the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and [FAQs](#).
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators’ Place](#) and [YESNet Portal](#)
- Print and post the [poster](#) that summarizes the Communicating Student Learning required tasks.

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Quick Education links for 2020-21 school year

- [Helpful overview document of school during COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus information and schedules](#)
- [Health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#)
- [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#)
- [Blended learning handout](#)
- [Guidance on non-medical mask use in schools](#)
- [Learn more about when to keep your child home when sick](#)
- [Can my child go to school?](#) Ages 6 +. Download poster and review daily.
- [Can my child go to daycare?](#) Ages 0-5. Download poster and review daily.
- [Most current version of our Frequently Asked Questions to help answer questions. / FAQ in French](#)

Quick links to resources on COVID-19 related topics

- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](#)
- [FAQ for school staff](#)

For general updates and health information on COVID-19

- [Yukon information on COVID-19: yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information: canada.ca/coronavirus](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations: information and downloadable resources: cyfn.ca/covid-19](#)