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Mandatory Vaccine Requirements

Details for Employees

Yukon government employees will be required, as of November 30, 2021, to have at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. They must have their second dose by January 30, 2022.

Employees of the Department of Education need to take additional steps to enter their vaccination data using My HR File system.

Follow these steps to access the My HR File system at home or at work:

1. Go to the [Remote Access Portal](#)
2. Enter your YESNET AD/Rapid Identity username (firstname.lastname@yesnet.yk.ca)
3. Choose “My HR File”
4. Enter your rapid identity credentials again to access the HRMS portal

If employees are having trouble accessing the My HR File system, please refer them to the [Knowledge Base article](#) provided by ITSS for more detailed instructions.

Teachers on Call can submit proof of vaccination over the telephone by contacting HR at (867) 393-7132. If employees are interested in finding more information about vaccination, they can find more information [here](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

Mental Health Professional

“Being a teacher is rewarding and also very demanding on our mental health. We all know that taking care of our mental health is just as important as taking care of our physical health, but how do we fit it all in? It in this workshop, I will present some information on why it’s important and look at how we feel when we are, and when we aren’t taking care of ourselves. We will also have some discussions on what we are already doing and what we can do to make some positive changes. This workshop will take two hours and will involve discussion topics, some self-compassion and self-reflection.” This workshop is upon request. If you are

interested in this professional development, please contact Natalie Thivierge, Safety Communication Consultant with YWCHSB at natalie.thivierge@gov.yk.ca

French Teachers Workshop

We will be offering our second Saturday workshop with Dr. Renée Bourgoïn for French teachers on **November 20th from 10:30am-12:00pm**. This workshop will take a closer look at the interlinkages between oral language acquisition and the development of writing skills. It will present a series of unique activities focussing on oral and written production and best practices in teaching writing. Click on the [following link](#) for more information and to register for this free, online workshop. Please register by Thursday November 18th.

Become Credentialed to Mark Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

Marking the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment is a great way to learn more about the assessment and to ensure the Yukon is represented in the process. If you are interested in participating in the next credentialing workshop to become a marker for the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment, please e-mail exams@gov.bc.ca to be added to the waitlist. The workshop will be held over Zoom over the course of one day in January or February. Date TBD.

Teaching and Learning with Apple- Virtual Interactive Sessions

Apple Education is hosting some (free) virtual sessions on Tuesday evenings (November 16-December 7) to help educators use Apple products and their built-in-features to enable online and in-class learning for all students, as well as how iPad and Mac can support existing educator and student workflows. If you would like to take part in one of these online sessions, [please register](#).

Upcoming Microsoft Training Opportunities

Topic	Date & Time	Attendee Link	Registration Link
Teams For Education K-12	Nov 18 th 3:30-4:30 pm	https://aka.ms/A-YKED-TeamsEDUK12-Nov18-EN	https://aka.ms/R-YKED-TeamsEDUK12-Nov18-EN
Teams Channels & Files	Nov 24 th 3:30-4:30 pm	https://aka.ms/A-YKED-TeamsChannelsFiles-Nov24-EN	https://aka.ms/R-YKED-TeamsChannelsFiles-Nov24-EN

Resources for Educators

Yukon Wildlife Preserve - Winter Program Registration

Registration for the grade 7 - Caribou in Yukon program, is now open! You can access the on-line booking form by clicking the BOOK NOW link on our school programs page of the website

<https://yukonwildlife.ca/experience/school-programs/> or, you may have received an invitation via email with a [link to the form](#).

[Registration will open as follows for our other winter programs:](#)

Grade 3 – winter biodiversity, opens 15th November

Grade 2 – surviving winter, opens 22nd November

[Emails will go out to teachers informing when these are open for registration or you can check back on the website.](#)

[These programs book up fast and we only have 20 days available, so please don't hesitate to book!](#)

[If you have any questions about registering or the programs, please email \[abi@yukonwildlife.ca\]\(mailto:abi@yukonwildlife.ca\)](#)

Other Opportunities

Call for Papers

We are writing to you on behalf of a group of Canadian parliamentarians that collaborates with its international counterparts to address matters of importance to the Arctic. Canadian parliamentarians cooperate with other Arctic parliamentarians through the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (the Committee). Parliamentarians from the eight Arctic states are represented on this Committee, with representatives from Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), the European Parliament, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden, and the United States of America. Arctic Indigenous organizations also serve as permanent participants on the Committee. The Committee meets several times a year to discuss matters of importance to the Arctic and to Arctic Peoples.

This year, the Committee has launched a new initiative, inviting students of the northern and Arctic regions of respective circumpolar countries to prepare written, audio or video submissions to the Committee highlighting the importance of mental health to Arctic youth. The submissions received will be shared with Committee members and will help inform and support the work of Arctic parliamentarians in the future.

The call for papers is designed for students 14 to 16 years of age and asks them to address the following question:

What does mental health mean to you, and what would strengthen your mental health?

The deadline for submissions is 3 December 2021. For more information on this initiative and the Committee's work, please visit our [Facebook page](#) or our website (www.arcticparl.org). The attached guidelines provide more information about the call for papers. We look forward to reading and watching the submissions, to learning more about what mental health means to Arctic youth in Canada and abroad, and to finding new ways to strengthen mental health for the youth of today and the youth of future generations.

Hon. Percy Downe, Senator
Vice-President
Canada-Europe Parliamentary
Association

James Maloney, M.P.
Vice-President
Canada-Europe Parliamentary
Association

Larry Maguire, M.P.
Canada's representative
Standing Committee of
Parliamentarians of the
Arctic Region

Opportunity to Pilot Test Language Assessment Tool

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), under the leadership of the Registrars for Teacher Certification Canada (RTCC), is recruiting English-speaking, French-speaking, and bilingual teachers and

teacher candidates to participate in the pilot testing of an [online pan-Canadian language assessment tool](#) for the teaching profession. Test takers will receive a monetary incentive; bilingual test takers can take the test in both languages and will be eligible to receive the incentive twice.

Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the [Professional Learning Opportunities](#) featured in this update.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Check out [other opportunities](#) featured in this update.

Reminders from Past Educator Updates

- Book a session with [ConnectedNorth](#) or reach out to bsherry@takingitglobal.org more information on virtual field trips.

Quick Links to Resources Related to Our COVID-19 Response

- [K-12 School Guidelines for 2021-22: COVID-19](#)
- [Yukon Education Recovery Document: Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Can your child go to school or return to regular activities?](#)
- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support during COVID-19](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6 plus 1](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)