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Health and Safety Guidelines for Schools Updated

The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health finalized updates to the health and safety guidelines for K-12 Yukon schools and they are now posted on Yukon.ca. These important updates will include:

- Students age 10 and older (Grade 4 and up) and staff will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor school settings outside of the classroom.
- Students are now permitted to be as close as 1 metre from each other in the classroom.
- Staff must maintain 2 metres from students and from other staff.
- The Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health is providing schools with time to implement these new guidelines. Schools are expected to implement them when they are ready to do so, but not later than December 21st.
- The [How to Wear a Non-Medical Mask](#) poster is available for download.



Support Mental Health and Wellness

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, some of us may find we are experience feelings of worry, anxiety or uncertainty. I encourage all of us to check in with our colleagues, friends and family to ensure they are okay or are getting the support they need. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical health. If you are in need of support for you or your family, I encourage you to check the mental health and wellness supports available to you. [Lean more on the COVID-19 mental health page on Yukonconnect](#). Further, this is also a good time for a reminder about the resources offered by [Wellness Together Canada](#). For example, access to live counsellors is available over the phone 24 hours a day. This is available to all Canadians, so if you find something of value, share it with a family member or friend.

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Assessment and Reporting

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Marking Opportunity: Becoming “Credentialed”

Online in Jan., learn more about the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment and how to help students develop in Numeracy. Becoming credentialed certifies you to become a marker for the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment should you want to apply to mark. Interested? Contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.

Post-Secondary Institution Selections on the [Student Transcripts Service \(STS\) Website](#)

[Post-secondary institution selections](#) for upcoming graduates are now available through the STS website.

Please share this information with your students.

January 25-29, 2021 Graduation Assessments

Students that plan to write a Graduation Assessment during this session can be added to the Online Registry via a TRAX upload during the period Nov. 17 – Dec. 12. Contact Anne.Copland@gov.yk.ca for a one-hour support session (Dec. 1 10 AM, Dec. 3 2 PM, or Dec. 8 10 AM) to review how to create the assessment records in Aspen and how to do a TRAX upload.

Resources for Educators

Learning About and Planning How to Implement More of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action

There are concerted efforts and ongoing planning to meet the TRC 94 Calls to Action in the Yukon. This is especially so in Education. Here are some resources to learn and plan how to implement the [Calls to Action \(French\)](#) that pertain to education, namely #6 - 12. For example, consider reviewing the TRC of Canada: Calls to Action and then delving into the CBC document titled, 'Beyond 94: Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.' If you would like further conversation about TRC, please [contact the FNI Unit](#).

- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action \(French\)](#)
- [Beyond 94: Truth and Reconciliation in Canada](#) – a CBC resource created by their Indigenous unit.
- Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. – provides a [list of books on Residential Schools](#)
- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation \(NCTR\)](#) - housed at the University of Manitoba.
- Reconciliation Canada – BC based organization group. Provides a section on [useful TRC Links/Resources](#)
- [TRC 92: Youth Employment](#) – Article from Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council
- [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People \(UNDRIP\)](#) – a United Nations document summary that outlines the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Good document to understand the situation.
- Book: A Knock at the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Edited and Abridged.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Literacy Learning Recovery

21 Yukon schools with up to four educators per school attended the latest Grades 3-8 Fountas & Pinnell Literacy workshops earlier last week. This workshop focused on supporting individual literacy assessments with students in order to determine each student's reading and comprehension level to help support differentiated instruction and other key principles of the [Learning Continuity Requirements](#). For those who

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were unable to attend the workshop recording will be posted to [Intermediate Educators Yukon Team page](#) and emailed to schools as well. ?s: Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.

Grades 5-7 Core French: Monthly Support and Sharing Sessions

All teachers are welcome. If you have resources you have made/used, bring them along to share. If you are looking for resources, do not reinvent the wheel ... come to see how others have done it. All levels of French knowledge are welcome; discussions will be in English. More info? Campbell_Tanya@surreyschools.ca

Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#)

This program focuses on integrating education and leadership theory with practice and drawing on the Yukon's unique socio-political-cultural-environmental context. Preparing students to understand the current educational landscape, think for change, and enact change is fundamental to the program's intent. [Learn More.](#) [RSVP](#) for an online info session, to receive the meeting link and password by e-mail prior to the event, on Feb. 18 from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Remember: The YTA PD Committee has approved an increase of limits as well as the elimination of the semester restrictions for credit courses. Now available/year: PhD or Doctoral \$6600.

Other Opportunities for Schools

First Nations Initiatives 2nd Annual Mitten Contest Has Begun and Closes Dec. 10

Back by popular demand, the [First Nations Initiatives](#) unit at the Department of Education is hosting its 2nd annual design contest for First Nations mittens created on mitten patterns provided by the Unit. Patterns are available from [Danny Sheldon](#). Please contact FNI Director [Gina Guiboche](#) if you have any questions about how to get involved. One prize will be given out in each of the three categories:

- Most Christmas-y
- Best Effort
- Best Mitten

Action Items for Consideration

- Review the updated guidelines for K-12 school settings are now posted on [Yukon.ca](#).
- Download the new [How to wear a non-medical mask](#) poster.
- Become credentialed to be able to mark the Grade 10 Numeracy Graduation Assessment.
- Let students know that the [post-secondary institution selections](#) for upcoming graduates are available through the [STS](#) website.
- Register students who are interested in writing a graduation assessment in January.
- Do some more learning and planning with respect to implementing more of the TRC Commission Calls to Action
- Watch or review a recording of the Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Workshop once it is posted.
- [Reach out](#) to join a monthly support and sharing session for Grades 5-7 Core French teachers.
- [RSVP](#) for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) that is taking place in February
- Enter the First Nations Initiatives 2nd Annual Mitten Contest before it closes on December 10.

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Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- [What Happens If There is a COVID-19 Case Connected to a School?](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities if a COVID-19 Case is Connected to a School](#)
- Active your ShareEdBC account.
- Support launch and completion of “Learning During COVID-19 Survey #2” – closes Nov. 30
- Review the [Laser Cutter Resources Page](#) which includes the Laser Cutter Schedule and FAQs as there is a location shift soon.
- Book a [Minecraft Education Edition visit on December 8](#) for your Grades 4 – 8 class.
- Get more info about the [Fast ForWord](#) literacy program for your students from LDAY. [More info](#)
- Blended Learning: Contact Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca about Connecting with Students Online.
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English](#) [French](#).
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#) and [YESNet Portal](#)

Quick Education Links for 2020-21 School Year

- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus general information and schedules](#)
- [Health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#)
- [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#)
- [Blended learning handout](#)
- The new [How to wear a non-medical mask](#) poster is available for download.
- [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.
- [Frequently Asked Questions For Students and Families: COVID-19/ 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](#)
- Health and Social Services has revamped the [Practice Safe 6](#) page with more detailed information and new graphics.

For General Updates and Health information on COVID-19

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