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Proper Non-Medical Mask Use

The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is through preventative measures, such as physical distancing, frequent hand washing and staying home when sick. Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health recommends masks for students age 10 and older when physical distancing is not possible. While they are not mandatory in schools, some students and staff may wear masks when in hallways or on the school bus. To support proper mask use, printed "[How to wear a non-medical mask](#)" posters are beginning to arrive in schools.

Assessment and Reporting

TRAX Reminders

- The target date for the first TRAX data submission is November 13. Need help? Anne.Copland@gov.yk.ca
- If you have any current Grade 12 students that still need the Literacy Assessment 10 exemption code on file, please send a note of the student's name and PEN to Anne.Copland@gov.yk.ca.

Resources for Educators

Veterans' Week Resources

While we remember the sacrifices of all veterans on November 11, we also remember and commemorate the contributions of Indigenous veterans in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War, with [National Aboriginal Veterans Day](#) on November 8. For encouraging youth to learn more about the importance of remembrance and the roles played by Canadians, Veterans Affairs Canada has these learning resources:

- [Veterans Week 2020 Resources](#)
- [Learning Resources and Historical Publications](#)
- [Indigenous-Canadian Veterans K-12 Learning Resources](#)

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Connected North Session Menus

- The Connected North Session Menus will be arriving at your school very soon! If you are a school already booking Connected North sessions, you should receive approximately 1/ teacher. If you haven't yet booked a session, you will receive 1 or 2, and can request more. Still not sure what Connected North is all about? 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](#).

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. For example, join John Felling of *Box Cars & One-Eyed Jack* for two intermediate math games sessions. Upper Elementary Place Value Games and Activities for Grades 4-7 and Math Games and Activities for Grades 7-9: Probability, Statistics and More are scheduled.

Connecting with Students Online: Strategies for Remote Teaching & Learning

This one-hour opportunity 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

Yukon Education Learning Network Alumni

Attention Alumni: If you are interested in continuing to be part of Yukon Education Learning Network(s) 2020-21, let us know in the [survey](#).

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 [register](#)ants receive a free copy of Tanya Talaga's book "All Our Relations". This

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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](#).

LDAY Advertised Events

- How to Support Executive Functions During Online School
Release Date: [Once signed up here](#), access to the webinar will be sent to your inbox on November 10. [More info](#).
- Teach Crucial Skills to Reduce Anxiety and Challenging Behaviours in Kids in the PM on Nov. 16 [More info](#).

Education Canada: [Stressed at School](#)

In the latest issue of Education Canada, read about some new perspectives and approaches to alleviating student and educator stress at school.

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

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.

Other Opportunities for Schools

[Fast ForWord](#)

LDAY has limited licenses available for [Fast ForWord](#), an online literacy program. This is an opportunity for students who struggle with reading due to difficulties with:

- auditory processing - confusing similar sounds like vowels, m/n, or p/b.
- sequencing - getting letters or sounds in the wrong order.
- working memory - losing the meaning of a long sentence. [More info](#)

Action Items for Consideration

- Print a poster that provides [guidance on non-medical mask use in schools](#)
- The first graduation program TRAX data submission is due by November 16.
- Contact Anne.Copland@gov.yk.ca for help exempting a gr. 12 student from the gr. 10 literacy assessment.
- Watch for the Connected North session menus that are arriving in schools or access them online in [English](#) or [French](#). Book a free virtual visit to your classroom with bsherry@takingitglobal.org.
- [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.
- [Register](#) for the Virtual National Gathering for Indigenous.
- [Check out](#) the LDAY advertised professional learning events.
- Register and watch the Fountas & Pinnell literacy webinars for Yukon on Nov. 23 & 24.
- Contact Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca about *Connecting with Students Online*.
- Get more info about the [Fast ForWord](#) literacy program for your students from LDAY.
- Complete the Yukon Education Learning Network alumni [survey](#).

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Some reminders from previous updates

- Print and post the [poster](#) that summarizes the Communicating Student Learning required tasks.
- 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.
- 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](#)
- Follow the steps in the [October 23](#) update to trouble shoot the activation of your ShareEdBC account.
- Watch one of the Fountas & Pennell [Literacy Webinars](#) at 4 PM or 6 PM EST Nov. 12, and Dec. 9

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](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)