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## FAQ for school staff

Please see the attached FAQ for school staff for answers to common questions. This will be updated and attached each week to ensure school staff are updated on the most current information available. If you have any questions about health and safety, human resources or learning programming this school year, please contact your principal first. The updated parts are highlighted.

## Updates on Staying Home When Sick for Students

The Office of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health has provided updated guidance for students, families and school staff on when students should stay home when sick. Attached is the finalized Can my child go to school poster that has already been sent out to schools to send on to parents. It is also [available online](#).

## Physical education and school sports guidelines

The [Physical education and school sports guidelines](#) set by Yukon's Chief Medical are available online for more guidance on providing physical education and school sports opportunities. These were previously sent out to school staff attached to a letter from the Deputy Minister of Education. School staff should contact their school administration for any questions about physical education and school sports opportunities at their school.

## Department Authorized Courses for Grades 10-12

An updated list of [Department Authorized Courses](#) has been posted. Should you wish to offer one, please fill out the approval form.

## Professional Learning Opportunities

- **Join the Curriculum and Assessment Team**

There is a job posting for an Early Learning Consultant on [yukon.ca/en/employment/view-all-current-job-postings](http://yukon.ca/en/employment/view-all-current-job-postings). The posting was recently amended to include a 12 month eligibility list for those who interview successfully but do not get the job.

- **More October 2 PD Day Offerings**

Numerous virtual [October 2 PD day offerings](#) are already in place and continue to be available for viewing. Be sure to login to Rapid Identity to access it with your work google account. If you have any questions or need help viewing the documents, contact [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca). For example:

- Math Games with Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks has been added. Jane and John Felling will be leading primary, intermediate, and secondary sessions over the course of the day.
- Understanding Modern Treaties Simulation Unit Territorial Pilot (High School Humanities) with Flora Asp and Mark Connell. Be a part of an exciting experiential pilot program to teach students about modern treaties and have them engage in Modern Treaty negotiations. This pilot process will include lots of support including local experts, team teaching opportunities with Mark and Flora and more exciting opportunities. To top it all off, there is a website already created to support Blended Delivery.

Access to the offerings is also located at [lss.yukonschools.ca/pd-days-2020-21.html](http://lss.yukonschools.ca/pd-days-2020-21.html).

- **MARZANO Resources Webinars**

[View upcoming free webinars](#) and past webinar recordings on various topics including identifying critical standards, motivating students, and more.

## Resources for Educators

- **Assistant Outdoor Education Guides (AOEG)**

The AOEG program provides expert chaperones/assistant-trip leaders for school field trips. Having the most qualified people possible taking part in these trips is part of managing risk. Not all teachers possess all the certification necessary to make these trips possible. An AOEG may have the certification you need and are paid for through each school's substitute teacher budget.

If you are interested, contact your school's office administration. They have access to the list of AOEGs.

- **What can myBlueprint help you with in grades 8-12?**

The most consistent response we have received is: "support around developing strategies to help motivate and engage your students in our new normal". Whether you're teaching online, or in-class, or some combination of the two, it has never been more important to have a structure in place to facilitate sustainable, on-going engagement and motivation from your students.

We're excited to offer you support with a first of its kind [webinar](#) next Wednesday, September 30th at 3pm. Even if you can't make it, you should register - we'll send you the recording.

- **ShareEDBC invitation coming to your inbox on September 29**

ShareEdBC is an online platform by invitation only that provides access to curated resources aligned with the curriculum. An invitation will come to your @yesnet email address on Sept. 29. You need to click on the "Activate ShareEdBC" button in the email within 21 days. After joining, users can log in from [shareedbc.ca](http://shareedbc.ca) with your @yesnet email address as your login.

To Learn more about ShareEdBC, visit the page on [yesnet.yk.ca](http://yesnet.yk.ca).

- **Health & Safety in the Primary Classroom**

Many students have been engaged in the primary hand washing lessons that are found in the [Primary Unit Plan: Doing My Part; Taking Care of Myself & Others](#). Pictured here is an example from D'Arcy Hill's Grade three classroom at Hidden Valley Elementary.

- **Outdoor Learning**

[Learning for a Sustainable Future \(LSF\)](#) is promoting outdoor learning. While the outdoors is always recommended as a rich learning environment with connections to all subject areas, during COVID-19 it is more important than ever to get students outside,

[Learning Inside Out guides](#) will continue for the 2020-21 school year. These weekly collections of K-12 resources and activities are designed for both in-class and at-home learning during COVID-19. There is a major focus on getting outdoors as a tool for both physical and mental health as well as learning in all grades and subjects.

Educators and parents can sign up to get the [weekly Guides via email or view the archive on our web page](#).



## Other Opportunities for Schools

- **Climate Action Project**

In October the [Climate Action Project](#) for grades 1-12 will launch. The project is free, student-centered and aims to lead to a change of behavior through education. It is in collaboration with the UN, WWF, NASA and endorsed by HH Dalai Lama, President Higgins, Dr. Jane Goodall, Kumi Naidoo, scientists and public figures. Students are offered engaging activities and will explore, discuss, create, connect and share findings via weekly videos so they are able to learn in an authentic way from their peers living in 5 other continents.

Last year the project launched a global tree planting project #plantED which led to 1.1 million trees planted over 2 weeks. This year students will be able to send their messages, solutions and drawings to Mars.

## Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the updated attached FAQ for school staff.
- See the [Can my child go to school poster](#)
- See the health and safety guidelines for [sports and recreation](#) and [contact sports](#). Attached are the physical education and school sports guidelines
- Check out the updated list of [Department Authorized Courses](#) for Grades 10-12.
- Consider the [job posting](#) for an Early Learning Consultant. It has been amended to allow for a longer eligibility period.
- Check out the [October 2 PD Day Offerings](#) after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password and do not hesitate to [ask](#) if you need help with viewing the document.
- [View upcoming free webinars](#) from MARZANO Resources
- Review the procedure for obtaining an Assistant Outdoor Education Guide (AOEG).
- Activate your access to ShareEDBC within 21 days to access curated curriculum aligned resources.
- Join the myBlueprint [webinar taking place September 30th at 3pm](#)
- Do another lesson from the [Primary Unit Plan: Doing My Part; Taking Care of Myself & Others](#)
- [Sign up](#) to receive the weekly Learning Inside Out guides from LSF.
- Involve your grades 1-12 students in a [climate action project](#).
- For resources and support check out the websites built for you including the; [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), and [YESNet Portal](#)

## Some Reminders From Last Time

- Watch for the Kindergarten Boehm and the Early Years Evaluation (EYE) testing materials.
- Plan for [Orange Shirt Day](#).
- MacBride Museum is taking [bookings](#) for tours and Yukon-themed programs for K-12.
- At the [October 2 PD day](#) join the service learning session to learn about how to apply for a grant.
- On October 7, consider the LDAY offering of [Communication Styles for \(Online\) Collaboration](#)

## 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](#)

## 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/covi