



**Department of Education (E-7)
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

September 7, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff

RE: COVID-19 case at Porter Creek Secondary School

We are notifying you that there has been a positive COVID-19 test connected to Porter Creek Secondary School.

We are working closely with Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

Contact tracing and self-isolation

YCDC is directing:

- 1) Staff and students who are not identified in the following classes should self-monitor for symptoms.
Please see below for the symptoms to watch for.

- 2) **Specific instructions for students and staff who attended any of the classes listed below between Aug. 30 through Sept. 3, inclusive:**
 - Period 1 - New Media/Literary Studies 10 in Room 101
 - Period 2 - Science 10 in Room 141
 - Period 3 - Math 9 in Room 149
 - Period 4 - Physical Education 10 in Gym E

A risk assessment has been completed by YCDC, in consultation with a Medical Officer of Health. After careful analysis, they recommend the following for all individuals present in the classes listed above:

- If you have received two doses of COVID-19 immunization, with the last dose prior to Aug. 16, and you are not significantly immunosuppressed due to illness or medication: we recommend you self-monitor for symptoms through Sept. 17. It is very important that if **any** symptoms develop, no matter how mild, you do not go to work or school and you arrange for testing.

- If you are partially-vaccinated (one dose only, or two doses with the last dose received after or on Aug. 16) or unvaccinated, or are fully immunized but with significant immunosuppression: you are recommended to self-isolate until Sept. 13, inclusive, and then self-monitor for symptoms through Sept. 17. It is very important that if **any** symptoms develop, no matter how mild, that you remain self-isolated and arrange for testing.

- Siblings and other family members of the staff and students identified can continue to follow the current Yukon guidelines, including isolating and arranging testing if symptoms develop.
- Please monitor for any of these signs/symptoms of COVID-19:

• Fever	• Sore throat	• Loss of appetite
• Chills	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	• Nausea and vomiting
• Cough	• Headache	• Diarrhea
• Shortness of breath	• Fatigue	• Muscle aches
• Runny nose		

If you develop **any** symptoms, no matter how mild, contact the COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Center (CTAC) directly at 867-393-3083. When calling CTAC please mention that you are part of the Porter Creek Secondary School notifications. You can book a test online by going to <https://book-covid-19-test.service.yukon.ca/en/>.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may be mild or severe and often have a different presentation in persons who are very young or older persons. While most people will experience mild illness, older adults and people with pre-existing medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness.

We acknowledge you may have concerns and want to know more about the confirmed case; however, please respect the privacy of others and the process led by Yukon Communicable Disease Control. This notification is being issued out of the utmost caution for our staff and students.

The school continues to follow the Operational Plan for Communicable Disease and health and safety K-12 school guidelines as recommended.

Important reminders

- Visit yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information for verified and up-to-date information on COVID-19.
- Visit [K-12 school guidelines for 2021-22](https://yukon.ca/en/k-12-school-guidelines-for-2021-22) for COVID-19 health and safety information related to schools.

We will provide additional information to parents/guardians as needed.

Sincerely,



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Department of Education