

June 28th, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff:

Declaration of Outbreak and Temporary Closure of Bambinos Bilingual Montessori Daycare

Today, after learning of more new cases of COVID-19 linked to Bambinos Bilingual Montessori Daycare, we are declaring an outbreak at the site and ordering the closure of the Daycare up to and including July 9th, 2021. This closure notification has already been sent to the Operator.

Our decisions today and since learning of our first case have been based on protecting the children and staff at the Daycare. When we first heard about COVID-19 at the Daycare, we began a process of investigating the possible exposures and as more information emerged we directed affected staff and children to isolate. As the investigation grew, we actively tested for COVID-19 cases by asking everyone associated with the daycare – even if they had no symptoms – to make arrangements for a diagnostic test. This information that has come from testing has helped us decide today that the best way to further protect everyone at Bambinos Bilingual Montessori Daycare is to temporarily close it.

Protecting the health and safety of children and staff at child care centres, school age programs, and family day homes is a priority for us. To help operator of these places achieve this priority with us, our COVID-19 guidelines are publicly available. (<https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/child-care-centres-and-family-day-homes>).

Self-isolation

You will have previously received directions in a letter specifically sent to you with an isolation date for you or your child. That date remains the same, and we are asking you to follow the instructions in that original letter.

Testing

If you have still not arranged for COVID-19 testing for you or for your child, we ask you to do so. Thank you to those staff and parents who have already gone for testing.

Important reminders

- If your child has one red symptom or more than one yellow symptom listed on the traffic light checker, they should isolate and phone 811 or your health care provider and follow the advice you're given about testing.
- Visit yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information for verified and up-to-date information on COVID-19.
- https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/hss/hss-imgs/covid-19_patient_home_isolation_caregiver_feb_19_final.pdf for information on Self-isolation for caregivers

Many of you will find this news distressing, and we want to acknowledge the difficulty of the situation. Thank you for helping us protect others by following our public health directions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Hanley', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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