



Deputy Minister's office (e-1)
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

March 23, 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

RE: Update on school after March break

Classes at all Yukon schools are suspended as of March 18, 2020 until April 15, 2020, due to recommendations from Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

During this time, students are not expected to attend school or learn from home. School staff will be working with their principal and staff from the Department of Education to assess potential impacts to school programs and to plan for measures needed to ensure continued learning for students. This includes:

- Identifying where students are at in their learning to date.
- Identifying the most essential learning for students that can be completed for the rest of the school year after April 15.
- Ensuring students who are eligible to graduate Grade 12 this year will graduate.
- Looking at how to best deliver essential learning to students and communicate student learning to families should the suspension of face-to-face classes continue after April 15.

The health and safety of students, school staff, families and communities is our first priority. We know that this is a difficult change in routine for families. This is an unprecedented time and we are taking these precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect those that are most vulnerable, as well as friends and family members.

As we move closer to April 15, we will continue to provide updates to families on this situation. We will be acting on the advice of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. In the meantime, we encourage you to practice proper social distancing and hygiene practices with your children. Please see the attached FAQ with more information.

For updates and health information on COVID-19:

- In Yukon (including school-related updates): yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners.
- Canada: canada.ca/coronavirus

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" and the last name "Morgan" clearly distinguishable.

Nicole Morgan
Deputy Minister
Department of Education