

FAQ for schools: COVID-19

How long will classes be suspended?

- Classes are suspended until April 15 at the recommendation of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
 - They were suspended on March 18, 2020.
 - They were suspended as a precaution to limit the spread of COVID-19
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Are students expected to be educated at home until classes resume?

- Students are not expected to attend school or learn from home during this time.
 - The Department of Education is using this time to work with school principals and staff to assess potential impacts to school programs and to plan for measures needed to ensure continued learning for students.
 - We know we are changing routines for families and that this adds to concerns. This is why we are taking the time to get plans in place to support families, students and staff to continue essential learning.
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Will classes resume after April 15?

- At this time, we are monitoring the situation and will act based on the recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Department of Education staff and superintendents will be working with principals and school staff to plan for all possible scenarios.
- Our goal is to ensure we continue to deliver the most essential learning for students until the school year is complete.

What will school look like after April 15?

- Central administration staff and superintendents will be working with principals and school staff to identify the essential learning students need to complete at each grade level.
- We are also looking at how to best deliver lessons to students if face-to-face classes remain suspended. This may include learning at home, online, learning on the land or other learning opportunities. This may look different at each of our schools.

What about supports for students with exceptional needs?

- It is important to us that we continue to provide supports for students who have exceptional needs during this time.
- Although schools are not open for classes, we will be contacting families to stay-in touch and look at how best to provide supports for students with exceptional needs during this time.

Will the school year be extended?

- The school year will not be extended.

Will this hold students up next year?

- Every student who is eligible to graduate Grade 12 this year will graduate.
- Every student will receive a final report card, as expected.
- Graduating students will graduate with their course marks and the notice of completion for their Grade 10 numeracy assessment.

Will the beginning of the 2020-21 school year be affected?

- At this time, the decision to suspend classes until April 15 will not affect the start date for the 2020-21 school year.

Will students graduate on time?

- Every student who is eligible to graduate Grade 12 this year will graduate.

Will they have graduation assessments?

- The BC Ministry of Education has announced they are suspending graduation assessments for Grade 10 and 11 students. The only graduation assessment Grade 12 students need to complete before graduation is the Grade 10 numeracy assessment.
- We will be working with the BC Ministry of Education to ensure students who have not taken this assessment can meet this graduation requirement.

Will we have graduation ceremonies?

- At this time, we have not cancelled graduation ceremonies.
- We will be monitoring the situation and following the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- We will provide regular updates to ensure students, staff, families and communities are informed.

Have school trips been cancelled?

- There will be no school trips while classes are suspended.
- Any international school trips, including to Alaska, are cancelled at this time.
- We will continue to monitor recommendations on travel within Canada and Yukon.

What will happen with extra-curricular activities?

- At this time, all extra-curricular activities are suspended while classes are suspended.
- We will continue to monitor the situation and how it may affect extra-curricular activities.

I have questions that are not included in this FAQ

- We understand there will be many questions from students and families.
- Other questions related to health and other updates may be addressed by the following resources:
 - Yukon information on COVID-19: [Yukon.ca](https://www.yukon.ca)
 - Canada information on COVID-19: [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)
- If you have questions we have not answered, please e-mail publicschools@gov.yk.ca.