

## COVID-19 in a K-12 school setting

*What happens if there is a COVID-19 case connected to a school*

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### Does the entire class or school have to self-isolate or be sent home if a student/teacher/staff/visitor at the school tests positive for COVID-19?

- No, **it does not mean self-isolation for everyone**. It will depend on the case and the information gathered about contact and exposure.
- Yukon Communicable Disease Control (YCDC) will identify and directly notify anyone who has been in close contact, including at school. **They will provide direction on who should stay home and self-isolate** and other advice.

### How many confirmed cases in a school will result in closing that school?

- YCDC and Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health will investigate any positive COVID-19 case at a school and provide direction depending on the specific circumstances.
- A confirmed COVID-19 case at a school **does not mean the entire school will close**. YCDC will provide direction on who needs to stay home and self-isolate, which may include specific classes or groups of students depending on contact tracing.

### Will the school community be informed of a positive case at the school?

- YCDC will contact the individual and their family (if they are a minor) if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19. They will determine who else needs to be notified and ensure the privacy and security of personal health information.
- If you are not contacted by YCDC, it has been determined your child is not at risk. **You do not need to contact YCDC to confirm.**

### What does the school do if a parent or staff say they or a student is COVID-19 positive and the school has not been contacted by YCDC?

- YCDC receives all case notifications directly from the testing lab. If there is a confirmed case connected to a school, they will contact the school and any other appropriate contacts. It is not necessary to contact them to confirm.

## Getting the correct information

- **Always verify information** before taking action or sharing information on COVID-19 by visiting [yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information).
- Use [the traffic light](#) to monitor daily for symptoms. Call 811 to follow advice on testing.
- For more information: [yukon.ca/en/education-and-school-supports-covid-19](https://yukon.ca/en/education-and-school-supports-covid-19)