



## November 9, 2021 ADDENDUM to Yukon Schools 2021-2022 Operational Plan for Reducing Communicable Disease

On November 8, 2021, Yukon Government declared a state of emergency due to increased spread of COVID-19. The acting Chief Medical Officer of Health is recommending that schools remain open with the following additional measures:

- students wear masks when in classrooms and seated at their desks; and
- activities between schools are suspended until further notice.

This document will serve as an addendum to each school's 2021-2022 Operational Plan for Reducing Communicable Disease to strengthen the measures as listed above. Where there is a conflict between a school's operational plan and this document, this document will prevail until rescinded.

Effective November 9 and continuing until further notice, the following two sections will replace those currently in a school's operational plan:

### 8. Masking

Everyone inside a school setting must wear a mask at all times in all areas. This includes:

- in hallways, common areas, and school buses;
- inside the classroom including when seated at their desks;
- when transiting between two areas within the school;
- all individuals must wear a mask at all times even if able to maintain a 2-metre distance from students or other staff; and
- in Physical Education classes and any indoor physical activity with the following consideration:
  - For indoor high-intensity sports masks are recommended but the choice should be left up to the individual.
  - For all outdoor Physical Education classes masks are recommended but the choice should be left up to the individual.

The following exceptions are allowed:

- when eating or drinking;
- on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the superintendent as advised by the CMOH office;
- when a staff member is alone in their office or in their classroom; and
- when staff are meeting after school hours (no students in school) and all are able to maintain physical distancing.

### **9. Inter-school activities, outdoor/on the land education, field trips and overnight trips**

- Activities or events that result in mixing between schools are suspended. This includes inter-school sports.
- The risk of COVID-19 transmission is lower in outdoor settings than it is indoors; as a result, outdoor education and on the land programming is encouraged.
- Field trips within Yukon that involve visiting another community are suspended.
- Field trips that are primarily in wilderness locations may still proceed.
- Field trips outside Yukon and Canada are suspended.