

FAQ for students and families: COVID-19

How long will classes be suspended?

- As a precaution to limit the spread of COVID-19, on April 7, 2020 the Minister of Education ordered that all face-to-face or in-person classes in Yukon K-12 public schools will be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, with the recommendation of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
 - At-home learning for all Yukon K-12 students will resume starting April 16.
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Are students expected to be educated at home?

- At-home learning will resume for all K-12 Yukon students starting April 16. Teachers will begin providing learning opportunities to be completed at home.
 - Parents/guardians are not expected to replace the role of the teachers. Teachers will be working with parents to support their child's learning.
 - Teachers will continue to provide supports, resources and learning materials to help students complete the essential learning standards for the remainder of the school year.
 - Teachers will reach out to students and families before April 15 to inform them about how they will ensure your child's learning continues for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
 - Teachers will maintain regular communication to ensure student learning needs are being met.
 - Parents and families are encouraged to continue supporting student learning while students complete the learning plans from their teachers.
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What will learning look like after April 15?

- Each school is prioritizing the essential learning that needs to be completed for the remainder of the school year, and communicating their school learning plan to parents, which will outline how they plan to continue to meet the needs of their students.

- Schools are expected to provide learning opportunities for students to resume their learning from home starting April 16.
 - Each school's learning plan is considering the unique needs of their school community and a variety of ways to provide learning opportunities, including for families who may not have access to technology.
 - Learning plans may include, online or other traditional learning opportunities, and may look different in each Yukon school.
 - Each school will inform families before April 15 on how their school will deliver at-home learning and complete the most essential learning to the remainder of the school year.
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Will my child need technology access to complete lessons?

- We are prepared to offer alternative learning opportunities as needed, whether online, by phone, paper-based or other learning opportunities.
 - We have invested in technology in Yukon schools that puts us in a good position to offer some online learning opportunities for students.
 - We recognize that online learning may not be appropriate in all cases. In some cases, schools may choose to provide more traditional resources to parents for students to complete learning activities at home.
 - Schools are developing their at-home learning plan while considering the needs of each student and their school community.
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How will teachers prioritize learning for the remainder of the school year?

- Yukon educators are considering the learning standards that students have already covered and those that still need to be provided.
- Teachers are planning how these essential learning standards can be delivered and assessed, and how students will be provided feedback on their learning.
- Educators will prioritize learning based on the Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements, which identify the types of knowledge, skills and understanding that teachers will need to focus on for the remainder of the school year, and the amounts of work teachers should be providing their students each week.

- Teachers will assess each student's individual progress in all learning covered this year based on the learning standards that have been completed and those that still need to be provided.
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What about supports for students with exceptional needs?

- We recognize that some students have different learning needs that are addressed through individual support plans at their schools.
 - Educators will continue to offer curriculum adaptations for students that require it to the greatest extent possible. In some cases, educators may not be able to replicate all of the services provided in the normal educational setting and should provide students and parents/guardians with activities that are appropriate in the circumstances to best meet students' needs.
 - We are working to provide students and parents/guardians with activities that are appropriate in the circumstances to best meet students' needs.
 - Although schools are not open to students, Student Support Services staff will remain available to support and provide resources to teachers, students and families to meet Student Learning Plan and Individual Education Plans goals and objectives.
 - Educational Assistants are continuing to support teachers to deliver instruction for students with diverse learning needs and abilities.
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How will rural and First Nations students be supported?

- Schools are developing their learning plans while considering their students' needs along with the unique needs of each school community.
 - Schools will regularly communicate with students and families to address individual learning needs and ensure they have the support they need to complete the essential learning standards to the end of the school year.
 - Schools will continue to communicate and work with Yukon First Nations to support the needs of their citizens.
 - We will continue working with Yukon First Nations to ensure Yukon First Nations ways of knowing, doing and being continue to be part of student learning.
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Will there be any change to the school calendar?

- The current health measures put in place limit our ability to meet the Education Act requirement of 950 hours of instructional time with students for the 2019-20 school year.
 - An emergency ministerial order was issued to address this legislative requirement and how we are adapting instructional requirements for the remainder of the school year.
 - Students will continue to learn at home until the last day of school in their school's calendar.
 - At this time, the start date or other key dates for the 2020-21 school year have not been affected.
 - We continue to monitor the situation and act on the recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
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Will this affect students graduating this school year?

- To graduate in the 2019-20 school year, students must have completed 80 course credits and write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment by the end of the school year.
 - Schools will ensure that every student who is eligible and on target to graduate from Grade 12 is provided with the opportunity to do so.
 - Teachers of students eligible to graduate this school year will also support them in remaining on track to graduate, including ensuring Grade 12 students who have not written the Grade 10 numeracy assessment meet this requirement.
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Will students 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 are working with the BC Ministry of Education to ensure graduating students who have not taken the Grade 10 numeracy assessment will meet this graduation requirement, and will share more details when available.

How can I support my child's learning while classes are suspended?

- We have shared suggestions and resources that families can use to extend student learning while at home at yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/continuing-student-learning-home#finding-a-routine-at-home.
- While classes are suspended, we encourage students and families to stay active, connect and be social while practicing physical distancing, and to continue to learn and keep their brains active.
- Parents/guardians should encourage their child to stick with a regular routine, including regular bed, wake-up and mealtimes, to help maintain a sense of normalcy and stability.
- Parents/guardians should also show interest and encourage their child's learning, and ensure their child feels safe, loved and supported.
- Schools will continue communicating with students and families on an ongoing basis to determine their needs and provide materials, resources and activities to support continued learning.

Will schools have graduation ceremonies?

- At this time, we have not cancelled graduation ceremonies, however, we do recognize they may be impacted.
- We will be working with school administration, staff and school councils to determine options and next steps for graduation ceremonies for each school community.

Have school trips been cancelled?

- There will be no school trips while face-to-face classes are suspended.

Have extra-curricular activities been cancelled?

- At this time, all extra-curricular activities are suspended.

- We will continue to monitor the situation and how it may affect extra-curricular activities.

Will community use of schools be cancelled?

- At this time, we have cancelled use of schools for recreational and user groups.

I have questions that are not included in this FAQ

- As we move forward, we will continue to provide regular updates to school communities, Yukon First Nations and partners.
- The most current information for students and families is at yukon.ca/en/your-government/find-out-what-government-doing/information-public-school-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://yukon.ca)
 - Canada information on COVID-19: Canada.ca/coronavirus
- If you have questions we have not answered, please e-mail publicschools@gov.yk.ca or call 867-667-5127.