

COVID-19

Yukon Summary of Education Updates

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YUKON | Summary of the Government's Response to COVID-19

School System	Status, Date of Closure, & Expected Date of Re-Opening	Current Graduating Classes	Access to Online Learning	Provincially Mandated Assessments & Report Cards	Financial Aid for Schools and Parents	Tuition, Scholarships & Entry Fees
Child Care – Department of Health and Social Services						
Licensed child care Centres and family day home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Yukon has suggested that day care and child care centres do not need to close (<i>current as of March 20</i>). Child care programs are considered to be an essential service that should remain in place as long as possible. Daycare operators have been briefed on safe social distancing measures within a daycare environment (<i>current as of March 23</i>). Workers who provide child care services for essential workers, and home child care services are critical service workers (<i>current as of April 6</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed childcare centres and family day homes are eligible to apply for the Direct Operating Grant, found here (<i>current as of April 17</i>). Child care centres and family day homes may contact their inspectors for appropriate coverage of supplies (<i>current as of April 28</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of Yukon is requesting that licensed facilities do not charge more fees for: drop-ins, holding spots, reduced attendance, etc. (<i>current as of April 17</i>).
Unlicensed family day homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukoners whose occupations are not considered critical or essential are not permitted to use licensed child care spaces at this time (<i>current as of April 28</i>). Child care centres can operate with 30 people at most (including staff) in the building. As long as children are in separate rooms, in groups of 2–5, care can continue. Up to 10 people may be in any 1 room at a given time (<i>current as of April 28</i>). 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No child care-specific updates as of April 30, 2020, but the Government of Yukon has announced an economic stimulus package. Yukon Business Relief Program provides non-repayable grants to cover specific fixed costs. Not-for-profits and religious organizations are not eligible under the program. See here for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update as of May 21, 2020.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed child care operators can now provide care for the children of all Yukon families (Current as of July 31). Child care operators can return to their pre-COVID-19 enrolment numbers. New guidelines for operating child care centres during COVID-19 are in place (Current as of July 31). Inspectors are working with child care operators. They will determine how and when centres can return to their normal capacity. 				more information (<i>current as of April 27</i>).	

Kindergarten to High School – Department of Education

Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update as of May 21, 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis (current as of <i>May 21</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No school-specific updates as of May 21, 2020, but the Government of Yukon has announced an economic stimulus package. Yukon Business Relief Program provides non-repayable grants to cover specific fixed costs. Not-for-profits and religious organizations are not eligible under the program. See here for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition refunds are determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>).
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					more information (<i>current as of April 27</i>).	
Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public school staff are working to assess potential impacts on school programs. Staff are also developing plans to ensure students continue learning for the rest of the 2019–20 school year (<i>current as of April 6</i>). School staff must contact their school administration about their work arrangements (<i>current as of April 6</i>). As of April 16, face-to-face classes at all K-12 Yukon public schools will be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year (<i>current as of April 15</i>). The Government of Yukon is planning for Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to return to classes in public schools for the start of the 2020–21 school year. Yukon schools will plan for the return of students based on our planning for the 2020-21 school year and health and safety guidelines being developed by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health. (<i>current as of June 18</i>). As of August 1, Yukon is in Phase 3 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate (<i>current as of April 6</i>). To be eligible 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 (<i>current as of April 15</i>). Teachers will support their students for the remainder of the school year to help them stay on track to graduate, including identifying Grade 12 students who have not written the Grade 10 numeracy assessment and ensuring said students meet this requirement (<i>current as of April 15</i>). Graduating students will receive a final report card with their course marks, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements set the priorities and expectations for delivering learning and the curriculum to students in the 2020–21 school year (<i>Current as of July 31</i>). This includes guiding the delivery of blended learning in Yukon schools, meeting all students where they are in their learning and adapting school programming and instruction (<i>Current as of July 31</i>). The digital tools that are expected to be used for blended learning are Moodle, Microsoft 365, Google Classroom and FreshGrade (<i>Current as of July 31</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every student will receive a final report card for 2019–20. There are no plans to change the end dates for the 2019–20 school year (<i>current as of April 6</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who have been impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for \$250 per student from the Government of Yukon (<i>current as of May 19</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.

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	•	and the notice of completion for their Grade 10 numeracy assessment (<i>current as of April 15</i>).				
Post-Secondary Institutions – Department of Education						
Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions regarding cancellation of classes and closure of facilities are being made at the institution level; for example, Yukon College has restricted access to authorized employees only, but Campus Housing remains open for occupants (<i>current as of March 25</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis; for example, Yukon Collage has issued a statement that, where possible, classes will continue online for the duration of the Winter Term to April 30. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukon Business Relief Program provides non-repayable grants to cover specific fixed costs. Not-for-profits and religious organizations are not eligible under the program. See here for more information (<i>current as of April 27</i>). The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many students' post-secondary or training programs. There will be no changes to the funding of affected individuals. (<i>current as of July 31</i>). Students can continue to apply online for student funding and grant programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition refunds are determined on a school-by-school basis (<i>current as of May 21</i>).
Public						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update as of May 21, 2020.

A special note about the Federal Government's directive with respect to post-secondary students and recent graduates:

- Post-secondary students and recent graduates who are ineligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or for Employment Insurance, but who are unable to find full-time employment or are unable to work due to COVID-19, may apply for the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB). The CESB would provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students from May through August 2020, and \$2,000 for students with dependents and those with permanent disabilities. The CESB will be delivered by CRA. More information is found [here](#) (*current as of May 8*).
- The Government of Canada introduced a new Canada Student Service Grant which will provide up to \$5,000 to support student's post-secondary education costs in the fall. More details to follow (*current as of April 22*).
- The Government of Canada will revise the Canada Student Loan Program's eligibility requirements in 2020-21 to allow more students to qualify for supports and be eligible for greater amounts, including doubling the non-repayable Canada Student Grants for full and part time students, as well as for students with disabilities and students with dependents, in the coming academic year. The changes are expected to expand the reach of the program and the benefit to more than 760,000 students at an estimated cost of approximately \$1.9 billion over two years starting in 2020-21 (*current as of April 22*).
- The Government of Canada will revise various student and youth employment programs, such as the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy. More information is found [here](#) (*current as of April 22*).

A special note about the Federal Government's directive with respect to international students:

- As announced on March 20, 2020, international students who held a valid study permit or had been approved for a study permit when the travel restrictions took effect on March 18, 2020, will be able travel to Canada by air or land. They will be exempt from air travel and border restrictions. This exemption is to accommodate students who are in the middle of their course of study or who have just been approved to study in Canada but were outside Canada when the travel restrictions took effect (*current as of March 26*).
- Courses of study being delivered online on an exceptional basis due to COVID 19 will not affect Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Program eligibility (*current as of March 26*).
- Students who have a study permit or who have been approved for a study permit for a program starting in May or June may begin their classes while outside Canada and may complete up to 50% of their program while outside Canada if they cannot travel to Canada sooner (*current as of April 16*).
- Individuals who are already legally in Canada will be able to remain in the country (*current as of March 26*).
- Temporary residents who are currently in Canada are able to apply to extend their status online if they need to extend their status. A temporary resident who has applied to extend their status is allowed to remain in Canada until a decision is made on their new application, even if their initial status expires while they are waiting for that decision. This is called implied status (*current as of March 26*).
- At least one post-secondary institution has suspended the intake of new incoming International students from overseas for the Spring Semester beginning in May (*current as of March 26*).

The Government of Canada is temporarily allowing international students holding study permits, who are eligible to work off campus and already present in Canada, to work more than 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods. This change is in effect until August 31, 2020 (*current as of April 22*).

Information about the Government of Yukon's response to COVID-19 can be found directly at:

- <https://yukon.ca/en/coronavirus-updates>
- <https://yukon.ca/en/updates#current-situation>
- <https://yukon.ca/en/your-government/find-out-what-government-doing/information-public-school-students-and-families>

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