

**Education (E-1)**  
**PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

December 17, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Bus routes , updated health and safety guidelines take effect in January**

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This is to inform you that there will be some adjustments to school bus routes and updates to the health and safety guidelines for school bus operations taking effect starting January 4, 2021.

**Bus route updates**

Existing bus routes and ridership from the first half of the school year have been reviewed and minor adjustments, such as changes to pick-up and drop-off times, are being made to some routes to optimize the number of students who can ride the bus. An additional three buses are also being added to provide additional school bus services in areas not currently being serviced.

Families should note:

- Updated bus routes will be posted on Yukon.ca by December 23 at: [yukon.ca/en/school-bus-schedules](http://yukon.ca/en/school-bus-schedules).
- Additional families who can be accommodated will be notified by e-mail with their bus number by December 23.
- If your child is already riding the bus, you will be notified if there are any changes to their bus number.
- All families using the bus should check the school bus schedule webpage before returning to school in January for the most current routes and stop times.
- Families should continue to use the school bus stop closest to their home.

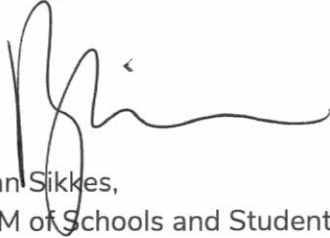
**Updated health and safety guidelines for school buses**

Starting January 4, students age 5 years and older will be required to wear a non-medical mask on the school bus as per updated health and safety guidelines set by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. This is an update from the previous guidelines that required students age 10 years and older to wear a non-medical mask. It does not impact the current guidelines around non-medical mask use in school settings.

To view the updated health and safety guidelines for school bus operations, please visit: [yukon.ca/bus-covid-19](http://yukon.ca/bus-covid-19).

Thank you for your attention to this update. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and wish you a joyous and peaceful 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Sikkes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Sikkes,  
ADM of Schools and Student Services

cc: School Administrators