

# Porter Creek Secondary

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Dear Porter Creek Secondary students and families:

## **RE: Starting the 2020-21 school year**

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I hope your family had a restful summer break after an unusual end to last school year. As we prepare for a safe return to Porter Creek Secondary for the 2020-21 school year, here is some important information about school routines for this year.

### **Key steps for health and safety at school**

All schools must follow the [health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#) set by Yukon's Chief Medical Office of Health. School staff will go over health and safety routines at our school with students on a regular basis. The key steps our school will be following include:

- Physical distancing of 2 meters in classrooms and common areas where possible;
- Limiting mixing of groups of students and staff where possible;
- Washing and sanitizing hands regularly all day;
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of the school and keeping our school clean;
- Following the plan if a student or staff gets sick while they're at school;
- Students and staff need to stay home if they have symptoms or are sick.

### **Staying home when sick or showing symptoms**

If a student or staff has symptoms or is sick, they must stay home and not come to school. You should monitor your child every day for symptoms before sending them to school. To help assess symptoms, use the COVID-19 self-assessment tool at: [service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment](http://service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment).

Check for new or worsening symptoms when monitoring. For example, a child with asthma may have a cough that is not new. Symptoms you should monitor for include: Fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, running nose, sore throat, headache, loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea and muscle aches.

### **Porter Creek Secondary operational plan**

Attached to this letter is more information about our school routines, schedules and programs for the 2020-21 school year, including the specific health and safety measures at our school. This is a summary of the key information in our school operational plan. The full operational plan, along with this summary, will be posted on our school website. Visit: [www.pcssrams.ca](http://www.pcssrams.ca)