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Thank you to you, the Constituents of Great Slave, as I approach one year representing our beautiful district in the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. Many of you have been reaching out to discuss your concerns with me, as well as to send messages of support. I value your opinions and want to ensure that your voices continue to be heard in the House. Please contact me with any issues you would like to talk about or if there is a matter I can be of assistance with.

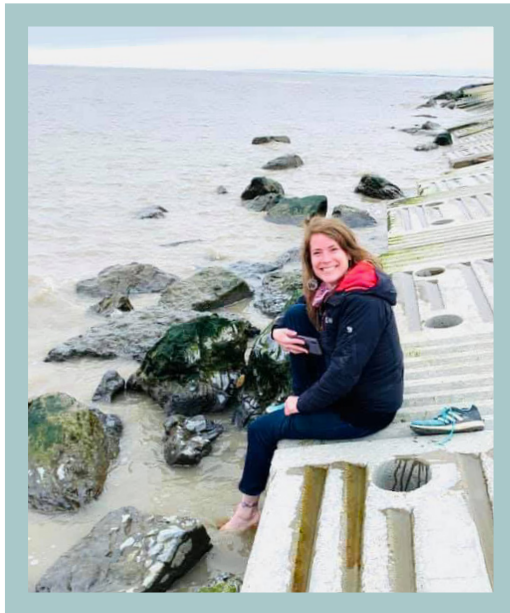
Over the last several months we saw many changes to how we must conduct our work and business. New approaches, such as online and tele-conferencing, have fast become the preferred methods of meeting and communications. We are excited to announce we will be utilizing Zoom as the platform for our upcoming constituency meetings. Please contact Colleen, my CA, and myself at our new email address greatslave@ntassembly.ca for meeting login credentials and upcoming dates and times. If you're not tech-savvy, don't worry, there will also be a phone line that can be used to join the discussion.

With the return of the colder weather we found NWT children venturing back to school after a long hiatus. It's the first time I have ever heard of school being cancelled in Yellowknife and the Department of Education has worked very hard to ensure that students and teachers were able to return to the classrooms safely. Later in this newsletter we have included an article that parents and guardians may find helpful in answering some of your questions around school reopening.

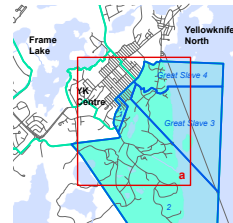
As we look towards the next year, we will continue to deal with the reality of the Covid-19 situation. I understand that these are difficult times for everyone and urge you to reach out for support as you may need it. There are resources available and it is our responsibility to take care of each other. If you are struggling, we are here to help and advocate for you. No one should feel alone at times such as this, so please remember you aren't.



On behalf of myself and Colleen, thank you for your continued support. It is truly a pleasure to serve you and have the opportunity to represent you and the district of Great Slave.

Katrina Nokleby



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THE COMMUNITY OF
Great Slave

CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will be holding our constituent meeting via Zoom.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 via Zoom.

TO REGISTER
greatslave@ntassembly.ca

SESSION WILL RESUME ON
Thursday, October 15, 2020

PROTECT NWT

Protect NWT has been created to help Northerners with questions about COVID-19 and they have launched a new number 811 which is a pandemic support line where you can discuss any questions, plans or requirements. Email support is available at protectnwt@gov.nt.ca



COVID-19 COORDINATING SECRETARIAT

Caroline Cochrane, Premier of the Northwest Territories, formally announced the creation of the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat. The Secretariat will be responsible for managing the Government of the Northwest Territories' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Objectives for the Secretariat have been designed to enhance the GNWT's current approach to pandemic response. These objectives include: establishing a clear accountability and responsibility framework; providing dedicated resources to managing the GNWT's COVID activities while retaining resources for managing the government's ongoing operations; ensure consideration of health, economic, and legal impacts in future actions, while maintaining Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) independence; and supporting clear and coordinated communications as

it pertains to COVID-19.

Early on, it was made clear that the challenges COVID-19 presents to the Northwest Territories requires a coordinated approach. The COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat pulls together COVID-19-related supports and resources from multiple departments, teaming them up to meet the challenges of management and oversight of the GNWT's response in the best and most efficient way. This is a necessary move and one that I am confident will benefit Northwest Territories residents as we continue to adjust to the impacts of COVID-19.

- It is anticipated that the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat will remain in place for up to 2 years.
- The COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat will be located within the Department of Health and Social Services, but the

TIPS TO GET THE BEST WEB MEETING EXPERIENCE



- Shift the schedule of your meeting to get a faster join experience by joining 5 minutes early or schedule meetings 15 or 45 minutes after the hour.
- Close any applications that you aren't using. Open applications and browsers use up resources.
- If you're joining a meeting and your family is home, ask them to stay offline or to consider downloading shows for off-line watching to save bandwidth during work hours.
- Send files before a meeting or sharing a link to a file rather than sharing your screen saves bandwidth.
- If your internet audio and video call does not work, call in using one of the dial-in numbers in your meeting invitation to join by phone.
- Reduce movement and distractions and muting your line when you're not talking.
- On collaborative conference calls, start with a roll call to confirm attendance and inform all participants of who is on the conference.
- Identify yourself when speaking. When asking questions, address individuals by name to avoid confusion and allow time for slightly delayed responses because the system may experience slight transmission delays.
- If you are connecting from a laptop, try to plug into wall power, because battery use can adversely affect video quality.
- Establish an understanding among participants of when and how to interrupt. For example, have people raise hands or otherwise signal that they want to speak.
- Consider posting pending questions via chat.



Thank you to Kathy at the TC Group of Companies for inviting me to the Solar Apartments tenant BBQ. It was great to connect with some of my constituents!

loss stress management suicidal thoughts abuse addictions recovery depression

1-800-661-0844

NWT HELP LINE 24/7

The NWT Help Line offers support to residents of the Northwest Territories, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is 100% free and confidential, and offers the option for follow-up calls with a trained responder.

Trained responders can help you with many issues, including:

- Stress management
- Addictions recovery
- Suicidal thoughts
- Depression and anxiety
- Abuse
- Grief and loss

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For more information, visit our NWT Help Line [Facebook](#) page and share it with your friends.

If you would like this information in another official language, contact us at 1-855-846-9601. Si vous voulez ces renseignements dans une autre langue officielle, communiquez avec nous au 1-855-846-9601.

Remember help is available if you need it!

REOPENING NWT SCHOOLS SAFELY

PLANNING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Protecting the health and safety of residents and communities of the Northwest Territories is the highest priority of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

In order to ensure the health and safety of our students and educational staff during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, schools will be required to meet the recommendations of the NWT Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) and the requirements of the Worker's Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) while supporting the learning and well-being of all NWT students.

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) is assisting all NWT education bodies and the Northwest Territories' Teachers Association (NWTTA) with coordinated, system-wide planning for the upcoming school year, based on the detailed criteria provided by the CPHO on how to safely reopen schools in *Emerging Wisely: Path to Eased Public Health Restrictions*.

Based on the continually evolving situation of COVID-19, the upcoming 2020-2021 school year will not be a return to normal for educational staff and students. Most classrooms will be arranged differently, students and staff will need to use masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE), and there will be new rules to enforce hygiene and physical distancing.

Although teachers and school staff will be doing everything they can to ensure school continues to be

a safe, supportive and inclusive environment, it is likely going to look and feel different for everyone. We also recognize there will be challenges for both students and staff in returning to school after a lengthy break from classroom-based learning, and that the social and emotional needs of students will need to be prioritized throughout the transition back into school.

While we cannot control or predict the realities of the pandemic, we are committed to ensuring that learning continues for all NWT students, regardless of the circumstances. Schools are building flexibility into their planning to prepare for a possible second wave of COVID-19, both to ensure that schools are able to remain open as much as possible and that teachers can adapt models of learning to the changing COVID-19 situation.

OUR PRIORITIES

The GNWT is working diligently with all of our education partners to create a supportive and effective learning environment for students in the 2020-2021 school year and beyond.

Education leaders have agreed on the following priorities for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Maintaining the health and safety of students, staff and communities
- Starting the school year on time
- Maximizing in-person learning, to the degree possible
- Seeking equity across regions
- Maintaining financial supports to schools and the programs they offer

- Supporting JK-12 continuity of learning regardless of how the pandemic evolves

WHAT PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAN EXPECT

All NWT schools have submitted plans for approval by the OCPHO to reopen their doors for the 2020-2021 school year. Schools are striving to provide a safe way for students to receive as much in-person, curriculum-based instructional time in classrooms with teachers as possible, with new health and safety procedures and restrictions in place.

How education is delivered will be different for each school and community, based on factors such as school size and layout, grade levels taught, the number of students and staff, access to technology, and the unique needs of individual students, including those who are at-risk or have complex needs.

To accommodate physical distancing requirements for different grades, some schools will need to use learning spaces other than classrooms, possibly outside of the school. Education bodies have been working with community governments, organizations and agencies to identify appropriate and available spaces for this purpose. Other schools are looking to address space shortages by having students learning in shifts, with some students attending classes in the morning and others in the afternoon, or on alternating days. Changes in attendance will affect bussing schedules, and schools are working to address these arising needs.

While details on specific health and safety measures will vary from school to school, there are some general measures that will be enacted in schools across the NWT to help maintain physical distancing. The following sections outline the various measures that parents, students and communities can expect to see at schools during the 2020-2021 school year.

[How about a link here to more info ??](#)

Whenever you
need to talk,
we're open.

Text 686868
KidsHelpPhone.ca
Call 1-800-668-6868

Kids Help Phone





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Updated: June 9, 2020

COVID-19 INFORMATION

How to put on and remove a mask

It is recommended that non-medical masks be worn in public, especially in spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained. This is to protect those around the individual wearing the non-medical mask. Employers should follow Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission guidance on the appropriate personal protective equipment based on their risk assessment.

Putting on a Mask

-  Before putting on your mask, wash your hands. Use soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub for 20 seconds.
-  Secure elastic loops of mask around your ears or if your mask has strings, tie them securely behind your head.
-  Make sure your nose and chin are covered.
-  Press firmly over the bridge of your nose to secure.
-  Wash your hands again once mask is on.

For more information, please visit www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19

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DO NOT touch the front of your mask or eye protection while you wear it or remove it.
DO NOT share your mask or eye protection. Label reusable masks or eye protection if possible.
DO NOT reuse your mask or eye protection until it has been washed and disinfected.

Removing a Mask

-  Before removing your mask, wash your hands. Use soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub for 20 seconds.
-  Remove elastic loops from around your ears or untie the strings behind your head.
-  Hold only the loops or strings and place the mask in the garbage, if disposable.
-  If reusable, hold only the loops and strings of the mask, fold the front of the mask inwards and place in a plastic bag or container until washed. Machine wash reusable masks at the warmest appropriate temperature for the material and dry well before reuse. To hand wash the mask, use a bleach solution* and let the mask soak for 5 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with cold water. Dry well before reuse.
-  Wash your hands once mask is removed.

*1/4 tsp of household bleach to 2 cups of water.

Thank you for keeping the NWT safe!

Stay Up-To-Date with COVID-19

Testing Results | Programs | News *visit* www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19



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1-833-378-8297
(outside of NWT)



protectnwt@gov.nt.ca



**[www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/
questions-and-answers](http://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/questions-and-answers)**

COVID-19 Testing/Online self-assessment

YK Public Health (867) 767-9120
[www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/
getting-tested-covid-19](http://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/getting-tested-covid-19)

Travel & Exemptions/ Self Isolation Plan

[www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/
health-and-well-being/self-isolation-plan](http://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/health-and-well-being/self-isolation-plan)

GNWT Emerging Wisely Plan

[www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/
public-health-orders/emerging-wisely](http://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/services/public-health-orders/emerging-wisely)



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DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL EVENT COMING UP?

wedding | birthday | new baby

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