



## **Elections Yukon COVID-19 Guidelines for School Council Candidates**

### **COVID-19 risks**

Elections Yukon is working in close collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Services to ensure that the necessary COVID-19 measures and precautions are in place to protect public health during the election period and to facilitate the right to vote and be a candidate.

The COVID-19 guidelines all target the reduction of two risks:

- respiratory transmission of the virus through the air due to close contact: the most significant risk reduced through a general combination of physical distancing and masking; and
- transmission of the virus via people contaminating objects that contaminate other people: reduced through a general combination of processes and decontamination.

### **Nomination Papers**

To avoid contact with others, we encourage you to submit your Nomination Paper prior to the Close of Nominations on September 24. To do so, contact your Returning Officer. The Returning Officer will choose a meeting location which allows physical distancing, and will wear a mask. Sanitizers will also be provided.

Early submission of your Nomination Papers also ensures that, in the event of an election, your name appears in a more favourable position on the ballot paper, since the order in which names appear on the ballot is determined by the order in which Nomination Papers are received.

### **Mail-in Ballots**

Mail-in ballots are an ideal voting option for anyone who wishes to avoid close contact with others, since they allow an elector to vote prior to polling day.

Applications for mail-in ballots are available online and from the Returning Officer, and can be submitted at anytime during the election period. However, the Returning Officer will only issue mail-in ballot papers once they determine that an election will take place.

Learn about mail-in ballots, discuss them with the Returning Officer, and encourage electors to use them.

## **Online Forms**

To reduce initial contact with others, these forms are available for download on the Elections Yukon website [electionsyukon.ca](http://electionsyukon.ca):

- Nomination Papers (also available at the school and from the Returning Officer)
- Mail-in ballot applications & instructions (also available from the Returning Officer)

## **Polling Day**

If a poll is necessary, Elections Yukon will provide COVID-related signage including:

- self screening posters at entrances and, if applicable, in outdoor waiting areas
- arrows to help with flow and to indicate routes
- reminders to maintain 2 metre / 6 foot distancing
- floor decals to assure proper distancing
- “wait behind this line” signage

An additional election worker will be hired to direct the flow of electors, monitor physical distancing and help sanitize.

Sanitizers will be available at the entrance to the polling place and at the polling station. All election workers will be wearing masks. If requested by an elector, medical masks will be available at the door.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Returning Officer.**