

## Department of Education's Experience with Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act

**How was the Department of Education hindered or helped by Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act when attempting to maintain the safety and wellness of Yukoners during an emergency?**

Education was able to work with Elections Yukon to postpone the date of the Yukon-wide School Council elections from May until it was determined to be safe to hold the elections (October, 2020).

Education was able to work with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop and implement Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for Yukon schools that were based on public health guidance provided by the CMOH.

**Have ministerial orders relating to the Department of Education been used under Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act, and if so, how?**

The *Civil Emergency Measures School Council Elections (COVID-19) Order* (M.O. 2020/31) extended the timeline for the School Council election, as well as the term of office of the existing School Council members, from May, 2020 (the date they were otherwise required to be held under the provisions of the Education Act) until the election could be safely and successfully held this past October.

The *Civil Emergency Measures Education Measures (COVID19) Order* (M.O. 2020/15, replaced by M.O. 2020/54) provided the Minister of Education with the authority to establish and publish requirements for the provision of educational programs during the state of emergency (i.e. the Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements). This allowed the Minister to provide teachers, administrative staff, students and families with guidelines and requirements that allowed them to prepare for and experience a safe school year.

**Are there any aspects of the current legislation that may have prevented the Department of Education from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency?**

No.

**From the Department of Education's perspective, are there currently any gaps in the legislation?**

No.

**Does the Department of Education have any suggestions for improvements to Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act? Please provide details and examples.**

No.