



FOR RELEASE
March 4, 2015

Anaphylaxis Canada's new online course available for Yukon educators

WHITEHORSE—A new bilingual resource for education is now available online through Anaphylaxis Canada to help Canadian schools be *Allergy Aware* and to enhance the safety of students at risk of anaphylaxis.

"Training school staff to recognize and respond to anaphylaxis and allergy episodes will enhance the safety of Yukon students," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "This new Anaphylaxis Canada resource will ensure that Yukon's educators are well-prepared to deal with related emergencies when and if they arise."

The Yukon Department of Education provided \$10,000 to support the course *Anaphylaxis in Schools: What Educators Need to Know*, which was developed by Anaphylaxis Canada in collaboration with Leap Learning Technologies Inc. and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. *Anaphylaxis in Schools* uses multimedia learning and best practices in instructional design to provide an engaging learning experience for educators.

Food allergy is the leading cause of potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions among children and is a growing public health concern in Canada. As there is no way of predicting how severe an allergic reaction may be and no known cure for food allergies, avoidance of allergens is an important means of staying safe.

"We wanted to create a resource that was readily available, informative, and engaging through interactive learning," Anaphylaxis Canada executive director Laurie Harada said. "Thanks to the support of the Yukon Department of Education and other ministries of education, private donors, and premier founding sponsor TELUS, Anaphylaxis Canada is able to make this course available for free to educators in Yukon and across the country."

Ongoing anaphylaxis education can help improve the quality of life for at-risk children and their families by reducing the number of emergency department visits and increasing the number of Canadians who can help prevent or respond to emergency situations.

Learn more:

Allergy Aware: www.allergyaware.ca

-30-

Contact:

Elaine Schiman
Cabinet Communications
867-633-7961
elaine.schiman@gov.yk.ca

Ronuk Modha
Communications, Education\

867-332-5082
ronuk.modha@gov.yk.ca

News Release #15-071



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here:
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.