

# Yukon

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Infectious Illness

Feb 10: Yukon reported an increased number of cases of Pertussis (aka whooping cough), in the Territory. Pertussis is a contagious bacterial respiratory infection that spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes or has prolonged close face-to-face contact. The government is conducting contact tracing for contacts of known cases who are at highest risk, including pregnant individuals in their third trimester and infants under one year of age.

**Action Point:** Find out how to use the [OHS Insider Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to guard against pertussis and other infectious illnesses that may be lurking at your workplace.

### Industry Challenges

Mar 2: Yukon is restructuring the Mineral Resources Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources to ease implementation of the recommendations of the Board reviewing the Eagle Gold Mine failure. The new Major Mines and Technical Services branch will oversee mine development projects and the Mineral Tenure and Exploration branch regulate quartz and placer exploration

### Industry Challenges

Feb 4: Two Yukon businesses will receive contributions of \$100,000 apiece from the federal CanNor program to expand capabilities for mineral exploration, resource management and energy technology in the territory: Capital Exploration Ltd. for the acquisition of aeromagnetic geophysical survey equipment, and Solvest Inc. for the development and field testing of PowerPod, a modular battery energy storage system.

### Workers' Compensation

Mar 1: Yukon employers can now apply for workers' comp CHOICES rebates under the WCHSB's [CHOICES Incentive Program](#). CHOICES is a voluntary incentive program that awards employers rebates ranging from 4% to 10% of their annual assessment, up to \$25,000 per year, for investing in workplace health and safety and/or return to work training.