

COVID-19 GN Update

April 15, 2020

Premier's update:

There are still no confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut.

Today, the total number of people under investigation to date is 404. 214 people are currently under investigation and 190 people are no longer under investigation.

I'm pleased to announce that our government is continuing to fund parental fees for all Nunavut licensed child care facilities from April 7 to 21, to offset any losses due to closures during this period.

After that time, we encourage those facilities to work within the established federal programs to receive funding for businesses and wage subsidies.

Shifting gears a bit... as the Prime Minister stated earlier today, Canadians need to look at our current restrictions staying in place for weeks longer, at minimum.

This applies to Nunavut as well. We need to be very, very careful; we cannot become too comfortable or relaxed in our efforts.

Our strict guidelines – in travel restrictions, handwashing, social and physical distancing, staying home – are necessary for everyone.

Let's stay vigilant and strong. Let's protect ourselves, each other, our Elders, our loved ones and our communities.

As part of the Government of Nunavut's (GN) effort to protect Nunavummiut against the risk of COVID-19, GN Departments are implementing the following:

Department of Health Services

Isolation Sites

Those in isolation have access to cable, internet, three meals a day, fresh linens and cleaning supplies. Garbage is picked up daily. These costs are covered by the Government of Nunavut. The GN will pay for diapers, baby formula and feminine products. Guests are responsible to order these products through the provided delivery services, but they will not be charged for the items.

The information package has been updated to include information on grocery orders and take out. Both can be delivered to the hotel. These deliveries and related costs are not covered by the GN.

COVID Hotline

Need to talk to someone if you have COVID-19 symptoms, or have recently travelled to or from an affected area? Do you have questions about travel to Nunavut or the isolation sites? Please call 975-8601 or 1-888-975-8601 from **10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** to speak with someone. Please remember this line is for those who need it – and should not be used for general inquiries.

If you have questions or need help in an emergency, <u>call your local health centre</u>.

Volumes

Total (All Isolation Locations)		
Traveler Type	Guests in Isolation as of April 8	
Medical Travel	192	
Public	108	
Students	1	
Total	301	

Traveller repatriation summary:

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Ottawa (Scheduled Flight)	
Medical travellers	7
Students	0
Public	3
Total	10

For the latest COVID-19 information and GN Departments updates in all languages: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19





Winnipeg (Scheduled flight)		
Medical travellers	4	
Students	0	
Public	1	
Total	5	

Travelers requests

As of April 14, there are 557 requests, 431 of which are critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	461	82.8%
Denied	57	10.2%
Pending	39	7.0%
Total	557	100%

Department of Education Services

To ensure staff at licenced child care facilities continue to be paid, the Department of Education will fund parental fees for all licensed child care facilities up to April 21, 2020.

The Government of Nunavut has taken strict measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this is why child care facilities must remain closed until further notice.

Nunavummiut's health is our shared responsibility! Remember: wash your hands and surfaces, practise social distancing, listen to the advice of health officials, and stay home if you're sick.

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