



You know what to do: Mask up anytime you're outside your household. Wash your hands often. Keep strong physical distance from others when you're outside. Stay home. Get vaccinated.

We know Moderna is effective against this variant of COVID, so make your appointment and protect yourself.

### **Minister of Health Update:**

Good morning. I won't take too long today, but I do hope people will take what I'm about to say very seriously.

As we catch up to the spread of COVID in Iqaluit, I need everybody to do their part to ensure they aren't adding to this outbreak.

Stay home. Don't go visiting. Don't have visitors over. Don't socialize outside your household. You should not, under any circumstance, go to or host a party. Do not travel unless it is absolutely necessary. If you need to go out to get groceries, go alone. Any other errands, go alone. Do not leave your house without a mask. And wear it in all public spaces.

The B.1.1.7 COVID variant is more transmissible than the original strain. Please do not take chances with the health of those around you. Get your vaccine, follow the current measures and don't take chances. It's that easy. We're all in this together, and we can only get out of this together too.

This is about public health. Again, stay home and get vaccinated. It's pretty much that simple. If everyone doesn't do their part, we could be in this same situation for months, and lose our summer.

Please keep in mind that we cannot vaccinate our children, and we need to protect them. Think about that and act responsibly. Have a safe and responsible weekend.

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## Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good Morning.

Earlier this week, we announced that the B.1.1.7 variant has been detected and appears to be the only strain of COVID-19 in Nunavut. As this variant of concern spreads more easily, to limit transmission, we are announcing the following changes to the rules for those granted exemptions. Everyone living in a household of someone who is isolating, including exempted critical workers, anyone who has travelled out of Iqaluit to their home community or those under an isolation order for exposure to COVID-19, will be required to isolate. If you are an essential worker you will be required to follow the same rules as an exempted worker. This means you are only permitted to go to work and then home; wear a mask at all times outside where you are staying; if you cannot find someone to deliver groceries, you can shop once per week during the 14-day period of isolation. If you are not an essential worker, you are required to stay isolated at home. These orders will come into effect Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Through contact tracing, a positive case of COVID-19 has been identified in a staff member at Iqaluit's Tammaativvik Boarding Home. All residents who were at the boarding home during the exposure period are being notified and tested for the virus. All in-territory medical travel flights departing from Iqaluit were cancelled yesterday to allow us to trace and test all high-risk contacts.

On Tuesday, an inmate was transferred to the Baffin Correctional. As per Correction protocols, the inmate was isolated from the general population and tested. That test came back positive. Additionally, yesterday, three more unrelated cases of COVID-19 infection were identified in inmates. All positive cases are isolating at the Baffin Correctional Centre. The correctional facility took immediate action to have all residents swabbed for COVID-19 and separated into a cohorting system to ensure physical distancing is maintained and to limit transmission.

Also, yesterday, an Iqaluit resident was medivac'd to a southern hospital after developing complications due to COVID-19 infection. The person has been hospitalized and is in stable condition. Out of respect for the individual and their family, we will not be releasing additional information at this time.

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The past few days have demonstrated how quickly the situation can change. Our public health teams are working around the clock to track and contain the virus. It is extremely important that everyone follows the public health measures. Wear a mask. Do not gather. Do not visit other homes. If you are sick, stay home. If you have symptoms or are a contact of someone who is COVID-19 positive, call the hotline.

These measures will help contain the virus and keep everyone safe.

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**

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For all the latest information and resources about COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path>

For information on upcoming vaccine clinics go to: <https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>

### **COVID-19 case status: April 30**

<b>Total tests</b>	<b>Total Confirmed cases</b>	<b>Total active cases</b>	<b>Total recovered cases</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Total persons followed</b>	<b>Current persons followed</b>
12,079	501	67	430	4	8405	504

\* Confirmed cases include those meeting the national case definitions. Persons followed includes individuals with specific symptoms and exposures as well as others who are self-monitoring or self-isolated. Not all of these individuals have symptoms or require testing.

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\*There may be a delay reporting attribution and statistics from cases acquired in Southern Canada. 12 cases that were detected out of territory have been attributed to Nunavut. This includes 3 deaths. Not all NU residents with COVID-19 detected out of territory will be attributed to Nunavut.

### COVID-19 community case stats: April 30

Community	COVID-19 status	Time period	Confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday	Confirmed COVID-19 cases today	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Deaths	Recovered cases	Total active cases
Iqaluit	Ongoing	Since 14/04/2021	87	98	11	0	37	61
Kinngait	Ongoing	Since 19/04/2021	6	6	0	0	2	4
Rankin Inlet	Isolated	Since 24/04/2021	2	2	0	0	0	2
Arviat	over	11/2020 – 04/2021	339	339	0	1	338	0
Whale Cove	over	11/2020 – 02/2021	23	23	0	0	23	0
Rankin Inlet	over	11/2020 – 12/2020	19	19	0	0	19	0
Sanikiluaq	over	11/2020 – 12/2020	2	2	0	0	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>478</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>67</b>

### COVID-19 vaccination status: April 30

First doses administered	Second doses administered	Total vaccine doses administered
15,856	12,395	28,251

\*Total vaccine administered is updated as regularly as possible but might be lower than actual count.

### Testing stats to date per community: April 29

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Iqaluit	87	1013
Kinngait	6	117
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin	21	399
Sanikiluaq	2	202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>4,966</b>

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### Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of April 29
Medical	336
Public	244
EMTI	58
Construction	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>684</b>

### Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
30-Apr	44
01-May	3
02-May	59
03-May	89
04-May	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>

### Critical Worker Requests:

As of April 30, there were 15,747 requests, 7,846 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	11,966	76.0%
Denied	308	2.0%
Pending	546	3.5%
Common Travel Area Approved	2927	18.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Department of Education Services

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### Ongoing services:

#### K-12 Schools

The following stages continue to be in effect:

- Stage 4 – Schools in Kinngait and Iqaluit
- Stage 3 – Schools in the Qikiqtani region, except Sanikiluaq, Kinngait, and Iqaluit
- Stage 2 – Schools in Rankin Inlet
- Stage 1 – Schools in Sanikiluaq, the Kitikmeot region, and Kivalliq region, except for Rankin Inlet

Schools will implement the appropriate action plan for their current stage.

#### Early Learning and Child Care

All Nunavut childcare facilities can remain open, with the exception of Kinngait and Iqaluit.

#### Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

Students booking their FANS-eligible travel must follow the public health measures and recommendations of the CPHO.

If students have questions about their travel, they can contact the FANS office for information at [fanstravel@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fanstravel@gov.nu.ca).

### Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

#### K-12 Schools

Kinngait and Iqaluit schools are closed for in-school instruction until further notice.

- In Stage 4, all instruction will be conducted remotely. All schools are closed to students, staff, and the public. School staff will regularly communicate with all students.

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