

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning,

Over the weekend we made the difficult decision to close the Iqaluit Elders' Home after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, the majority of staff are isolating, which makes it impossible to provide safe, quality care to residents.

Four residents were sent to Embassy West in Ottawa, while two were sent elsewhere in the territory, one of these returned home with family and the other to another elders' facility in Nunavut. Both of these individuals will isolate for 2 weeks. For the person who returned home, their family also must isolate.

Once staffing permits, most residents will be able to return. While the centre is closed, elders who need care will be supported in other facilities either here in the territory or down south, depending on need.

On Saturday we announced that the last individual in Kinngait with active infection has recovered. With this in mind, it is safe to ease restrictions, including lifting the current travel ban in and out of the community, effective Wednesday, May 12. Anyone returning to Kinngait from Iqaluit must continue to isolate for 14 days, along with their households.

Other measures in the community include:

- Masks remain mandatory.
- Indoor private gatherings stay at five people, plus household members.
- Indoor gatherings for public community spaces, including arenas, may allow 50 people or 50 per cent of the facility's capacity, whichever is less.
- Places of worship may allow 25 people or 50% of the capacity.
- Outdoor gatherings up to 50 people with physical distancing are permitted.
- Solo workouts with masks are allowed anywhere fitness sessions are held.
- The health centre may permit a maximum of two visitors from immediate family, per patient. Masks are mandatory for visitors and children aged two to four are encouraged to wear masks.
- Schools move into stage three of the Department of Education plan and daycares may open.

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As I continue to urge people to follow public health measures, I would like to remind people to be mindful of habits that present a risk for acquiring COVID-19. Sharing things like cigarettes increases the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19. Being outside, gathering in groups, not being six-feet apart, not wearing masks, are activities that put the entire group at risk from COVID-19.

We must all take the time and think about our actions right now, so we can protect ourselves and those around us.

Thank you.

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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

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: May 10

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
13,494	572	70	498	4	8656	437

* 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.

*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.

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COVID-19 community case stats: May 10

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	162	169	7	0	99	70
Kinngait	Ongoing	Since 19/04/2021	6	6	0	0	6	0
Rankin Inlet	Isolated	Since 24/04/2021	2	2	0	0	2	0
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
TOTAL			553	560	7	1	489	70

COVID-19 vaccination status:

First doses administered	Second doses administered	Total vaccine doses administered
16,419	12,878	29,297

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

Testing stats to date per community: May 6

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Iqaluit	149	1900
Kinngait	6	139
Rankin Inlet	2	46
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin Inlet	19	339
Sanikiluaq	2	202
TOTAL	540	5,861

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Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of May 7
Medical	412
Public	224
EMTI	27
Construction	31
Total	694

Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
08-May	2
09-May	25
10-May	80
11-May	79
12-May	66
Total	252

Critical Worker Requests:

As of May 10, there were 16,167 requests, 8,039 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	12,438	77.0%
Denied	311	1.9%
Pending	491	3.0%
Common Travel Area Approved	2,927	18.1%
Total	16,167	100%

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Department of Education Services

New developments in programs/ services:

K-12 Schools

According to the Chief Public Health Officer, the following stage changes will apply to Nunavut schools:

- On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, all schools in Kinngait will move to Stage 3.

Kinngait schools will implement their Stage 3 action plan.

In light of this announcement, Kinngait schools moving to Stage 3 will be given the flexibility needed to organize this transition.

Early Learning and Child Care

As of Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Kinngait child care facilities can reopen.

Ongoing services:

K-12 Schools

The following stages continue to be in effect:

- Stage 4 – Schools in Iqaluit and Kinngait (Kinngait will change to Stage 3 on Wednesday, May 12, 2021).
- 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.

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

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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.

Adjusted services:

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In Stage 3, instruction for all grade levels will be a blend of in-school and remote learning. Elementary school students will attend school three days per week. Middle and high school students will attend school two days per week with staggered schedules to reduce physical interaction. All school staff will report to school, and will adhere to strict physical distancing and other health and safety measures. School staff will regularly communicate with all students.

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Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

K-12 Schools

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.

Early Learning and Child Care

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Department of Community and Government services

All isolation requests for construction worker are to be booked through CPHOConstructionRequests@gov.nu.ca. Isolations occur in Ottawa and Quebec City construction hubs, as well as in Winnipeg and Edmonton.

Construction Workers Completed Isolation and Travelled to Nunavut	
2021 Total to Date	914
January	164
February	220
March	204
April	269
May 1- 9	57
May – Dec 2020 Total	2,183

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Department of Justice Services

New developments in programs/ services:

Since May 6, 2 more inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 with 1 recovery. The current number of inmates with COVID-19 is 11.

All staff and inmates at the affected facilities have been tested for COVID-19 and contact tracing with the Department of Health is ongoing.

Ongoing services:

All other correctional facilities remain operational.

Community Corrections offices in Kinngait will be reopening to the public on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Adjusted services:

All inmates are confined to their dorms to isolate.

Additional safety measures are being taken in both affected facilities, including enhanced use of personal protective equipment.

Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

All access to Makigiavik and Baffin Correctional Centre has been limited to staff and inmates only.

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

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