

# COVID-19 GN Update

May 14, 2021

## Premier's update:

Today we are reporting 12 new cases and eight recoveries of COVID-19. There are 78 active cases in the territory, all in Iqaluit. There have been 145 recoveries to date in this outbreak.

So far, 16,609 Nunavummiut have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, and 13,160 Nunavummiut are now fully vaccinated.

I want to thank all Nunavummiut for their continued patience and adherence during this latest outbreak. Thanks for everything you've done and for doing what we need to keep doing.

We're all tired of these restrictions, but we have to stay focused and strong. We can do this. Everyone do your part. Ask for help if you need it. We're all in this together. Let's protect one another.

Mask up when outside your home- always. Stay home as much as possible. Keep strict social distance with people outside your household bubble. Get vaccinated. Do the right thing for yourself, your family and everyone around you. Stay home and stay safe.

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## **Minister of Health Update:**

As we wrap up National Nursing Week, I want to take an opportunity to give my thanks as Minister of Health to all our hardworking nurses. On behalf of all Nunavummiut, thank you for everything, not just in this pandemic, but every day.

We're heading into our fifth weekend of this lockdown in the capital, and I'm again reminding everyone, in all communities, but especially here in Iqaluit, to please respect all the public health measures in place. All of them.

This means no gatherings, no parties, no excuses to hang out with people outside your household. Don't be outside without wearing your masks. If your kids are playing out, please ensure they have a mask on. Don't share cigarettes, drinks, utensils or food.

It's up to all of us. Please don't take chances and please think of one another now more than ever.

Let's be strong, and let's all be vigilant and careful. We all know what to do, so let's all stick to the public health measures.

## **Chief Public Health Officer Update:**

Good morning,

Unsafe gatherings continue to spread COVID-19. Whether it's parties, children playing outside with friends from other households or visiting in homes, we are seeing continued exposure to COVID-19, continued spread of the virus and more people having to isolate.

Through contact tracing, we identified a gathering of multiple households that resulted in additional cases confirmed in children and three households having to be isolated. As of this morning, we have 264 people in isolation. The more people who must isolate due to exposure to COVID-19, the greater the risk that essential services will be impacted. Isolation also put additional stress and burden on families and the community. Health staff are working hard to help stop the spread of COVID-19, but this will not be successful without everyone's cooperation.

I also ask for cooperation with surveillance testing. We have had many people refuse swabs because they are afraid of being isolated, or just feel it is unnecessary. Surveillance testing doesn't mean you will be isolated. Isolation would only be

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necessary if you test positive for the virus. This is what makes agreeing to surveillance testing so important. If you are asymptomatic and positive for COVID-19 you may be spreading the virus. If you have COVID and do not isolate, you are putting people other people at risk.

I know no one wants to isolate, but it is the best way to contain the spread of COVID-19.

As long as people continue to gather in unsafe ways, the virus will continue to spread.

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>

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## COVID-19 case status: May 14

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
14,110	618	78	536	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.

## COVID-19 community case stats: May 14

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	203	215	12	0	137	78
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
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>594</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>78</b>

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## COVID-19 vaccination status: May 10

Nunavut Total Population Estimates by Community, as of July 1 2020		
	Total	18 and over
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>39,353</b>	<b>24,878</b>
<b><u>Qikiqtaaluk Region</u></b>	<b>20,822</b>	<b>13,359</b>
Arctic Bay	946	530
Clyde River	1,192	688
Grise Fiord	140	96
Igloolik	1,978	1,094
Iqaluit	8,284	6,049
Kimmitut	427	265
Kinngait	1,547	923
Pangnirtung	1,631	1,008
Pond Inlet	1,794	1,031
Qikiqtarjuaq	651	421
Resolute Bay	218	136
Sanikiluaq	1,014	573
Sanirajak	1,000	545
<b><u>Kivalliq Region</u></b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>7,011</b>
Arviat	2,918	1,696
Baker Lake	2,265	1,471
Chesterfield Inlet	453	287
Coral Harbour	973	554
Nauyasat	1,270	648
Rankin Inlet	3,026	2,089
Whale Cove	483	266
<b><u>Kitikmeot Region</u></b>	<b>7,143</b>	<b>4,508</b>
Cambridge Bay	1,902	1,352
Gjoa Haven	1,398	836
Kugaaruk	1,180	650
Kugluktuk	1,517	1,000
Taloyoak	1,146	670

## Vaccine uptake Meditech numbers as of May 10, 2021

Done 1 dose	%	Done 2 dose	%
<b>16,426</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>12,879</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>9,332</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>6,687</b>	<b>50%</b>
339	64%	293	55%
474	69%	385	56%
68	71%	41	43%
481	44%	376	34%
5,016	83%	3,343	55%
178	67%	161	61%
505	55%	316	34%
612	61%	471	47%
602	58%	461	45%
224	53%	163	39%
174	128%	113	83%
328	57%	295	51%
331	61%	269	49%
<b>4,454</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>55%</b>
1,247	74%	1,060	63%
828	56%	710	48%
177	62%	159	55%
269	49%	221	40%
325	50%	280	43%
1,438	69%	1,279	61%
170	64%	136	51%
<b>2,640</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>52%</b>
976	72%	866	64%
404	48%	368	44%
273	42%	256	39%
570	57%	486	49%
417	62%	371	55%

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This information shows the number of doses given in a community as of May 10, 2021.

Percentage of vaccine administered is of the 18 and older population.

Territorial totals for doses are an accurate summary. The community level data is under review to ensure appropriate attribution. Community totals will be adjusted as needed. This may lead to minor fluctuations in the percentages by community.

Doses are typically attributed to the community in which they are administered.

Total doses given will include residents and non-residents, including rotational workers.

An individual may have received dose 1 and/or dose 2 outside of their community of residence.

This does not account for people who may have been vaccinated partially or fully out of territory.

A high percentage in one community does not equal herd immunity. There is no established or defined percentage of what herd immunity is for COVID-19. Whatever herd immunity may be, it cannot be achieved with current vaccine approvals (e.g. no vaccine available for children under twelve).

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division, Special tabulations. Prepared by: Nunavut Bureau of Statistics, January 27, 2021.

Eligible adults in community are defined as the number of individuals 18 and older as per the 2020 population estimates.

The community population estimates are "non-official" since they are not based on components of population growth (births, deaths and migration). They should be used with caution.

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### Testing stats to date per community: May 12

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Iqaluit	191	2462
Kinngait	6	147
Rankin Inlet	2	75
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin Inlet	19	339
Sani	2	202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>6,460</b>

### Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of May 13
Medical	383
Public	219
EMTI	47
Construction	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>677</b>

### Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
14-May	58
15-May	7
16-May	47
17-May	55
18-May	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>

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## Critical Worker Requests:

As of May 14, there were 16,342 requests, 8,101 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	12,585	77.0%
Denied	311	1.9%
Pending	519	3.2%
Common Travel Area Approved	2,927	17.9%
Total	16,342	100%

## 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 Iqaluit.
- Stage 3 – Schools in the Qikiqtani region, except Sanikiluaq 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 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).

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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

Iqaluit childcare facilities are closed until further notice.

## **Department of Environment Services**

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### **Adjusted services:**

The wildlife office in Kinngait is now open to the public.

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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