

COVID-19 GN Update

May 19, 2021

Premier's update:

Today we are reporting four new cases and five recoveries of COVID-19. There are 63 active cases in the territory- 62 in Iqaluit and one in Kinngait. There have been 176 recoveries to date in this outbreak.

So far, 16,794 Nunavummiut have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, and 13,520 Nunavummiut are now fully vaccinated.

As we move forward with living with COVID, we need to all remain safe and vigilant. This virus isn't going to disappear, and it's up to all of us to keep ourselves and each other safe.

I'm once again urging all Nunavummiut to book their vaccine appointments if you haven't already. This is absolutely the best, easiest, safest way to protect yourself. We have the vaccines, and we hope to have enough for our 12 to 18-year-olds soon. Let's use every possible dose we have. That part is up to you.

Let's stay strong Nunavut and commit to keeping one another healthy. You know what to do – mask up; wash your hands often; keep six feet apart and get both vaccines.

We've got this. Thank you for your hard work.

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Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning.

Due to a potential exposure to COVID-19 at the Iqaluit Soup Kitchen, the facility is closed today to allow time for staff to be tested*. Depending on results, the kitchen might reopen tomorrow.

Here in Iqaluit, we will be widening our surveillance testing to include residential buildings that have had more than 1 unit with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Invitations to go for testing will be sent to the people living in those buildings. Tests are voluntary, but if you receive a notice to get a test, I urge you to cooperate. This will help identify cases and reduce the risk of further spread of the virus. We will not be publicly releasing which buildings are being offered this service.

Thank you.

* It has been confirmed that the Qajuqturvik Community Food Centre is still providing services with the help of the City of Iqaluit and is now open.

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>

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COVID-19 case status: May 19

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
14,725	634	63	567	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 19

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	226	230	0	0	168	62
Kinngait	Ongoing	Since 19/04/2021	7	7	0	0	6	1
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			618	622	0	1	558	63

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COVID-19 vaccination status: May 17, 2021

Nunavut Total Population Estimates by Community, as of July 1 2020		
	Total	18 and over
Nunavut	39,353	24,878
<u>Qikiqtaaluk Region</u>	20,822	13,359
Arctic Bay	946	530
Clyde River	1,192	688
Grise Fiord	140	96
Igloolik	1,978	1,094
Iqaluit	8,284	6,049
Kimmirut	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
<u>Kivalliq Region</u>	11,388	7,011
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
<u>Kitikmeot Region</u>	7,143	4,508
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 17, 2021

Done 1 dose	%	Done 2 dose	%
16,720	67%	13,305	53%
9,595	72%	7,065	53%
347	65%	293	55%
482	70%	415	60%
68	71%	41	43%
523	48%	384	35%
5,189	86%	3,602	60%
178	67%	161	61%
518	56%	349	38%
612	61%	471	47%
605	59%	476	46%
236	56%	182	43%
174	128%	113	83%
328	57%	295	51%
335	61%	283	52%
4,460	64%	3,859	55%
1,247	74%	1,060	63%
834	57%	713	48%
177	62%	159	55%
269	49%	221	40%
325	50%	291	45%
1,438	69%	1,279	61%
170	64%	136	51%
2,665	59%	2,381	53%
992	73%	894	66%
410	49%	369	44%
273	42%	256	39%
572	57%	491	49%
418	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 17

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Iqaluit	220	2924
Kinngait	7	160
Rankin Inlet	2	91
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin Inlet	19	339
Sanikiluaq	2	202
TOTAL	612	6,951

Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of May 18
Medical	387
Public	191
EMTI	50
Construction	34
Total	662

Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
19-May	64
20-May	95
21-May	54
22-May	82
23-May	21
Total	316

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Critical Worker Requests:

As of May 19, there were 16,584 requests, 8,208 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	12,784	77.1%
Denied	311	1.9%
Pending	562	3.4%
Common Travel Area Approved	2,927	17.6%
Total	16,584	100%

Department of Education Services

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.

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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.

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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