

Public Service Announcement

Prepare for possible winter wave of COVID-19

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Nunavummiut are encouraged to be prepared for a potential increase in COVID-19 cases this winter. Evidence suggests that Canada will see a new wave of COVID-19 infections as the days get colder and people spend more time indoors, making it easier for the virus to spread.

Arctic life has always been about preparing for the colder months. As Nunavummiut stock up on county food for the freezer, also consider the importance of vaccines to ensure a safe and healthy winter. To decrease the risk of severe infection, hospitalization and death, the Department of Health recommends that everyone who is eligible and is not up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccines, to get their vaccinations.

Vaccines are available in all communities. Currently, all Nunavummiut six months and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To learn more about vaccine eligibility, see the eligibility [infographic](#). For additional information visit <https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>.

It's not too late to get vaccinated. Whether you need your first shot or your fourth, call your health centre or public health unit to make an appointment. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, it works, and it is the best protection against the virus.

If you have questions about the vaccine, call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-975-8601.

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