

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning. Over the past week, we have seen more people recovering from COVID-19. Currently, all the active cases we identified in Rankin Inlet and Sanikiluaq have recovered. This is good news. It means we are moving in the right direction and we can be optimistic. This does not mean that we can relax on the public health measures and it does not mean the outbreaks are over.

In Sanikiluaq, we have cleared everyone from isolation. If there are no new cases in Sanikiluaq, the outbreak will be over in about 2 weeks. In Rankin Inlet, there are people who will be in isolation for at least another 10 days. It will take nearly a month, assuming there are no new cases of COVID-19, to declare the outbreak in Rankin Inlet over. Whale Cove has 7 active cases, with no new cases for several days.

In Arviat, there has been progress, but there continues to be evidence of community transmission. I know it has been difficult for Arviatmiut and we thank everyone for their cooperation. It is very important that we continue to follow the public health measures so we can stop the spread of the virus in the community. I urge people to stay isolated if you have been told by public health to isolate. It is important to stay in isolation until public health staff tell you it is safe to leave.

Again, I know isolation can be stressful, and there is support available. The Pulaarvik Kablu Friendship Centre has Inuit traditional counsellors available to Kivalliq residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday by calling 1-844-654-3580. You can also contact the Kamatsiaqtut Help Line at 1-867-979-3333 or Toll-free at 1-800-265-3333.

Thank you.

For the latest COVID-19 information and GN Departments updates in all languages:

<https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>; <https://www.gov.nu.ca>



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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>

COVID-19 case status: Dec. 4

Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
206	51	155	5122	752

COVID-19 community case statistics: Dec.4

Community	Confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday	Confirmed COVID-19 cases today	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Recovered cases	Total active cases
Arviat	156	164	8	120	44
Whale Cove	21	21	0	14	7
Rankin	19	19	0	19	0
Sanikiluaq	2	2	0	2	0
TOTAL	198	206	8	155	51

Testing stats to date per community: Dec. 4

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Arviat	164	678
Whale Cove	21	125
Rankin	19	226
Sani	2	184
TOTAL	206	1213

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Isolation population:

Total (All Health Isolation Locations)	
Traveler Type	Guests in Isolation as of Dec. 3
Medical	294
Public	208
Total	502

Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from health Isolation Sites
04-Dec	46
05-Dec	1
06-Dec	4
07-Dec	71
08-Dec	22
Total	144

Critical Worker Requests

As of Dec. 3 there were 9798 requests, 4584 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	6475	66.1%
Denied	281	2.9%
Pending	324	3.3%
Common Travel Area Approved	2718	27.7%
Total	9798	100%

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Department of Education Services

Ongoing services:

K-12 Schools

Arviat

To support remote learning in Arviat, the Department of Education is deploying Internet ready iPads for Grade 11 and 12 students and Grade 11 and 12 teachers. All iPads will have internet sticks to allow for online learning. These devices will be sent to Arviat on December 6, 2020.

Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS) employees are continuing to provide services including:

- Processing funding applications;
- Travel requests;
- Issuing payments; and,
- Responding to inquiries.

All inquiries to FANS should be emailed to fans@gov.nu.ca. Response times may be slower than normal.

Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

The FANS office building in Arviat is currently closed to the public 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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