



# COVID-19 Daily Update

**March 17, 2020**

## **GN-wide update**

- Still no confirmed cases in Nunavut.
- Please call before going to your health centre, if it is a non-emergency. You will be assessed by phone. For Iqaluit, for non-emergency situations, it's the same thing- please call before going to the Qikiqtani General Hospital.
- Government of Nunavut services continue but may be slower than usual because of reduced staff.
- We are actively working to put together a fiscal package to make sure Nunavummiut don't have to suffer financially by this situation.
- Social distancing and handwashing will make a huge difference in slowing the spread of COVID-19, even in overcrowded housing.
- This is a stressful, disruptive time for everyone, but it's up to all of us to limit the spread of COVID-19. It's time to stay home as much as possible when not at work, even if you're feeling healthy.
- To our front-line health workers and those working in every area to keep things open and operational - Thank you!
- Kindness and patience important and appreciated now, more than ever.

## **Department of Health**

- Health is working with the nursing agencies to develop contingency plans to support a possible increase in workload in health centres.
- All non-urgent requests will be triaged daily. Immediate access to urgent and emergent health care services will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- For Iqaluit, for non-emergency situations please call first before coming to Qikiqtani General Hospital.
- For all communities, for non-emergency situations please call first before coming to the health centre. You will be assessed by phone.
- Physicians will continue community visits.
- Mental health supports are available.

