



## Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning.

As of this morning, 4 Iqalummiut have been medevaced south. 2 remain in hospital, with 1 in ICU, 2 are recovering in Ottawa and should be able to come home soon. We continue to see spread of the virus in Iqaluit, including some through outdoor contact. If you are getting together with others from outside your household wear a mask and do it outdoors.

If you have attended a party in the last 3 weeks you should be tested for COVID-19. Please contact the hotline at 1-888-975-8601. If you have attended a party, but cannot call or get through, please go to the Cadet Hall, any weekday afternoon, between 2 and 5 in the afternoon. We will test for COVID-19 and help you limit the spread.

I would like to discuss the vaccines used to protect ourselves from COVID-19. These vaccines are very effective against COVID-19 infection. People who get vaccinated are much less likely to become infected, and when they do get infected, they do not get as sick as they would have without the vaccine. In addition to that, there is increasing evidence that people who are vaccinated do not spread the virus as much as people who are not vaccinated.

In short, vaccines are the best protection for ourselves, our family and our communities.

A common question, around the world, is whether or not the COVID-19 vaccines can affect pregnancy. To date, more than 90,000 people have received a vaccine during pregnancy, and both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are safe during pregnancy. They do not cause miscarriages, or birth defects, and they do not make it harder to conceive a child. We do know that the risks of COVID-19 are higher during pregnancy, and since the vaccines are our best protection, I encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated.

Last week, it was announced that the Pfizer vaccine is now approved for use for anyone 12 and older. As a result, we will be arranging to acquire some of this vaccine but are unable to say when this will happen. When the Pfizer vaccine does arrive, we will administer it first in communities experiencing an outbreak or at higher risk of introduction. This is similar to how we approached the first round of vaccinations, and Iqaluit will likely be the first community to have Pfizer vaccine offered to children who are 12 and over. Like the Moderna vaccine this will be voluntary.

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Please remember that there are a number of things that all of us can and should do to limit the spread of this virus:

- Maintain distancing and separation.
- Wear a mask when out in public.
- Don't share utensils or cigarettes.
- If you are sick stay home and call the hotline.

Thank you.

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 12

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
13,770	594	69	521	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 12

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	183	191	8	0	122	69
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>574</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>69</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>Qikiqtaaluk Region</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>Kivalliq Region</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>Kitikmeot Region</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.

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.

### 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
Sanikiluaq	2	202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>6,460</b>

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**Isolation population:**

<b>Traveller Type</b>	<b>Guests in Isolation as of May 11</b>
Medical	390
Public	211
EMTI	43
Construction	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>665</b>

**Traveller repatriation summary:**

<b>Departure Date</b>	<b># of Travellers from Isolation Sites</b>
11-May	82
12-May	65
13-May	43
14-May	51
15-May	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>

**Critical Worker Requests:**

As of May 12, there were 16,271 requests, 8,077 of which were critical worker requests.

<b>Request Status</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	12,506	76.9%
Denied	311	1.9%
Pending	527	3.2%
Common Travel Area Approved	2,927	18.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Department of Education Services

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### New developments in programs/ services:

#### K-12 Schools

According to the Chief Public Health Officer, the following stage changes will apply to Nunavut schools:

- On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, all schools in Kinngait will move to Stage 3.

Kinngait schools will implement their Stage 3 action plan.

#### Early Learning and Child Care

As of Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Kinngait childcare facilities can reopen.

### 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 child care 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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## **Adjusted services:**

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Kinngait schools will implement their Stage 3 action plan.

- In Stage 3, instruction for all grade levels will be a blend of in-school and remote learning. Elementary school students will attend school three days per week. Middle and high school students will attend school two days per week with staggered schedules to reduce physical interaction. All school staff will report to school, and will adhere to strict physical distancing and other health and safety measures. School staff will regularly communicate with all students.

### Early Learning and Child Care

As of Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Kinngait childcare facilities can reopen.

## **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.

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## Department of Justice

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### **New developments in programs/ services:**

Since the last update, 3 inmates have recovered and have been moved to a new unit. The current number of inmates with COVID-19 is 8.

All staff and inmates at the affected facilities have been tested for COVID-19 and contact tracing with the Department of Health is ongoing.

### **Ongoing services:**

All other correctional facilities remain operational.

Community Corrections offices in Kinngait are reopening to the public today, May 12, 2021.

### **Adjusted services:**

All inmates are confined to their dorms to isolate.

Additional safety measures are being taken in both affected facilities, including enhanced use of personal protective equipment.

### **Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:**

All access to Makigiarvik and Baffin Correctional Centre has been limited to staff and inmates only.

## Qulliq Energy Corporation

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### **New developments in programs/services:**

Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) wants to remind Nunavummiut that Customer Care supports are available to help customers during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

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**Ongoing services:**

QEC will continue to deliver safe and reliable power to Nunavummiut. The corporation has been working diligently to implement plans to protect employees as we continue performing required maintenance work and keep critically important electricity systems operating reliably across the territory.

**Adjusted services:**

QEC estimated monthly billing for Kinngait customers for the April 1 to 30 billing period.

**Closed/Cancelled/Suspended services:**

QEC Customer Care offices in Iqaluit remain closed until further notice. Iqaluit customers are being served by QEC's Baker Lake Customer Care team by phoning 1-866-710-4200 or emailing [customercare@qec.nu.ca](mailto:customercare@qec.nu.ca) with questions or concerns about their accounts.

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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