

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning,

Effective Monday March 29, travel in and out of Arviat will no longer require approval from the CPHO travel team. However, people still under isolation for exposure to COVID-19 are not allowed to travel until their isolation period is complete. It is very important that if you are still required to isolate you do for the full period. This will reduce the risk of further transmission of COVID-19. The community and health teams have worked hard to bring Arviat back to no active cases and if we are diligent, we can reduce the risk of additional cases. Anyone under isolation who breaks isolation, including travel out of the community, is subject to a fine under the Public Health Orders.

This week we surpassed the 50% mark of adults across the territory receiving their first dose of the vaccine. This is great news, but one dose is not enough. As second dose clinics roll out across the territory, I encourage those who received their first dose to get the second shot.

Those who missed their first dose can still call the health centre to make an appointment for the vaccine. It is not too late, and vaccine is available. Out of all the measures that keep us safe, the vaccine is the most effective, and our best protection against COVID-19.

As many know, the Kivalliq Inuit Association will be holding its election in Arviat next month. We will ensure that public health measures do not prevent these kinds of important activities from going forward. To assist elections during the pandemic, we have developed guidelines that will help organizers safely plan and hold elections.

I want to wrap up today on a lighter note. As many know, spring celebrations are right around the corner. To help with these celebrations, we have issued an order that designates the Honorary Toonik and Ollie the Musk Ox as providers of critical services; specifically, the delivery of springtime celebrations, fun and games. This order exempts these important figures from travel restrictions. They will also be allowed to enter dwellings to ensure children are behaving. They do have to practise social distancing.

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>

For the latest information on vaccine clinics in Nunavut, go to:

<https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>

COVID-19 case status: March 26

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed	Total vaccine doses administered
9785	395	0	391	4	7122	281	19669

*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 vaccination status: March 26

First doses administered	Second doses administered	Total vaccine doses administered
12884	6785	19669

*Total vaccine administered is updated as regularly as possible, but might be lower than actual count.

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COVID-19 community case stats: March 26

Community	Confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday	Confirmed COVID-19 cases today	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Deaths	Recovered cases	Total active cases
Arviat	339	339	0	1	338	0
Whale Cove	23	23	0	0	23	0
Rankin	19	19	0	0	19	0
Sanikiluaq	2	2	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	383	383	0	1	382	0

*Cases acquired out of territory are not reflected in the community case breakdown.

Testing stats to date per community: March 26

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Arviat	339	2716
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin	19	399
Sanikiluaq	2	202
TOTAL	383	3669

Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of March 25
Medical	341
Public	199
EMTI	39
Construction	16
Total	595

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Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
Mar. 26, 2021	43
Mar. 27, 2021	6
Mar. 28, 2021	37
Mar. 29, 2021	88
Mar. 30, 2021	80
Total	254

Critical Worker Requests

As of March 18, there were 13636 requests, 6735 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	10039	73.6%
Denied	301	2.2%
Pending	369	2.7%
Common Travel Area Approved	2927	21.5%
Total	13636	100%

*Latest data is unavailable.

Department of Education Services

Early Learning and Child Care

Arviat's Aboriginal Head Start preschool programs are currently providing early childhood learning packages. The facility will open Monday, March 29.

On Wednesday, March 24, Arviat's Shared Care Child Care facility opened.

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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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