



# COVID-19 GN Update

**August 31, 2020**

There are still no confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut.

The total number of persons followed to date is 2321. There are 346 persons currently being followed.

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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### Ottawa Residence Inn:

Travel to Nunavut from the Isolation Site at the Ottawa Residence Inn, which was delayed on Friday, August 28 has resumed. Travel was delayed to Sunday, August 30 as Ottawa Public Health investigated a positive case of COVID-19 at the site. A member of the GN's contracted security team tested positive for COVID-19, which prompted the investigation.

### Calling Ahead at Health Centres

Unless you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call your health centre first before going in. Describe your symptoms, and health care providers can conduct a telephone assessment and may schedule in-person appointments for appropriate care.

### Wearing Masks at Health Centres

If you are presenting at a health centre with respiratory symptoms like coughing, sneezing, or a runny nose, please wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, please tell whoever receives you at the health centre of your symptoms, and they can provide you with one.

### Order Social Distancing and Gatherings #8

A revised Social Distancing and Gathering Order came into effect today (August 31) to address concerns from the Department of Education regarding activities such as fitness classes and emergency evacuations and fire drills.

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>



**Changes to the order include:**

**Under clause 2e: The social distancing requirements set out in clause 2 (b) and the five-person limit set out in clause 2 (c) do not apply to the following entities:**

- Any building during a mandatory evacuation or evacuation drill, subject to specific guidelines and directions issued by the Office of the Fire Marshal or the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission.

**To add clarity around group fitness classes at school gymnasiums and community halls, the clause regarding gymnasia has been amended. It now reads:**

- Gymnasia, athletics facilities, recreation centres, and fitness centres owned or operated by the Government of Nunavut, a municipal corporation, a District Education Authority, society, not-for-profit organization, or private corporation may open for individual workouts, but must not offer group workouts such as fitness classes.

The new provisions under the Order Restricting Social Distancing and Gatherings come into effect immediately.

**Isolation Volumes**

Total (All Isolation Locations)	
Traveler Type	Guests in Isolation as Aug. 23
Medical	409
Public	334
<b>Total</b>	<b>743</b>

**Traveller repatriation summary:**

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
29-Aug	1
30-Aug	45
31-Aug	108
01-Sep	45
02-Sep	54

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## Critical Worker Requests

As of Aug.28, there are 4827 requests, 2462 of which are critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	3490	72.3%
Denied	245	5.1%
Pending	127	2.6%
Common Travel Area Approved	1014	20%
Total	4827	100%

## Department of Community and Government Services

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Requests to enter the territory for construction related projects or to travel within the territory for construction related projects can be emailed to [CPHOconstructionrequests@gov.nu.ca](mailto:CPHOconstructionrequests@gov.nu.ca)

**Construction workers who completed isolation to date: 1159**

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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