

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning,

Yesterday Nunavut administered its first vaccinations. Public Health nurses vaccinated 21 of the 28 residents and staff from the Elders' Home. Another eight doses were administered to Iqaluit Public Health staff. Iqaluit Public Health reported that the vaccinations went well and there were no reported problems.

This is great news. This means the Elders' facility in Iqaluit is one step closer to protection from COVID-19 and one step closer to their family and friends being able to visit without restriction or worry.

We are very excited to be extending opportunity to receive the vaccine to all adults in Igloolik, Gjoa Haven, Arviat and Cambridge Bay, beginning next week.

Additional clinics will be scheduled once the date and the number of doses for the next shipment are confirmed. This will allow us to provide Nunavummiut with set dates and locations for the next clinics and to adjust our strategy if for some reason we do not receive the amount of vaccines expected.

That is why we are focusing on getting as many people vaccinated with the doses we have, starting in communities with higher risks populations, such as elders' facilities, communities where there is a greater risk of introducing and spreading COVID-19 both locally and in adjacent communities. Each clinic will give all adults and health care providers in those communities an opportunity to receive their vaccination.

We will keep Nunavummiut informed regarding the progress of our vaccine delivery, the schedules for each clinic and the number of vaccines that have been administered. I would also like to reassure Nunavummiut that the Moderna vaccine is safe. I know that there are a lot of rumours that create confusion, but the only firm reason not to take this vaccine is if you have an allergy to one of the ingredients. If you have had TB, or cancer, the vaccine is still safe and appropriate.

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>

Upcoming Community Vaccine Clinics

Elders' Facility clinics in communities will be focused clinics with health staff going on site to administer the vaccine. Health staff will reach out to the Elder's facilities directly for the vaccination times and dates.

Arviat (change of location)

- Location: Community Hall.
- Date (1st Dose): January 14 to 18 (excluding Sunday).
- Date (2nd dose) Feb 11-15.
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Appointment system: Yes.
- Call 867-857-3100

Iqaluit Elder's Home

- Location: Elders Home.
- Date (1st Dose): January 6.
- Date (2nd Dose): February 3.

Iglolik mass clinic

- Location: Iglolik High School.
- Date (1st Dose): January 11 and 12.
- Date (2nd Dose) February 8–9.
- Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Clinic Type: walk-in clinic.
- Call 867-934-2100.

Gjoa Haven mass clinic

- Location: Qiqirtaq High School.
- Date (1st Dose): January 11 and 12.
- Date (2nd Dose) February 8–9.
- Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Clinic Type: by appointment.
- Call 867-360-7441.

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Cambridge Bay mass clinic

- Location: site to be determined
- Date (1st Dose): January 14 to 16 (inclusive).
- Date (2nd Dose): February 11-13.
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Clinic Type: by appointment.
- Call 867-983-4500.

COVID-19 case status: Jan. 7

Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
266	0	265	1	5847	388

COVID-19 community case stats: Jan. 7

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	222	222	0	1	221	0
Whale Cove	23	23	0	0	23	0
Rankin	19	19	0	0	19	0
Sani	2	2	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	266	266	0	1	265	0

Testing stats to date per community: Jan. 7

Community	Tests positive_	Tests negative_
Arviat	222	1274
Whale Cove	23	289
Rankin	19	399
Sani	2	202
TOTAL	266	2164

Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of Jan 06
Medical	167
Public	377
EMTI	13
Construction	63
Total	620

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Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
07-Jan	52
08-Jan	11
09-Jan	7
10-Jan	4
11-Jan	0
Total	74

Critical Worker Requests:

As of Jan.7 there were 10757 requests, 7231 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	7231	67.2%
Denied	294	2.7%
Pending	335	3.1%
Common Travel Area Approved	2896	26.9%
Total	10756	100%

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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