



All passenger travel in and out of Pond Inlet has ceased. This includes any movement in or out of the community by land travel. This travel ban is a necessary containment measure to minimize the risk of COVID-19 spreading to multiple communities at once.

Until we have determined the potential spread of the virus within the community, all non-essential offices and services will be closed. There is to be no social gatherings within dwellings, and all residents of Pond Inlet are asked to continue to maintain social distancing and good hygiene.

For residents of Pond Inlet, we recognize that this news may be frightening. However, the Government of Nunavut would like to assure everyone that although travel is restricted, you are not cut off from help and support. Critical services will be maintained, and plans are in place to ensure that access to services such as heat, power, water, sewer, and communications will not be interrupted. Our primary focus now is to detect and contain the virus to prevent further transmission within the community and to other communities.

Anyone who has reason to believe that they have been exposed to the virus is advised to call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. or call your community health centre. Please, do not go to the health centre in person unless you are instructed to by a health official.

To all Nunavummiut, know that the preventative measures that we have all been taking are more important now than ever. Everyone needs to practise social distancing, stay home whenever possible, and avoid contact with those who are not a member of your household. Together, our efforts can slow the spread of COVID-19.

Finally, I remind everyone of the importance of kindness. Now is not the time for blame, or shame. It is the time for compassion, empathy, and support of your fellow Nunavummiut.

The Government of Nunavut thanks all Nunavummiut for their efforts to date. We will continue to exhaust all efforts to contain the virus, and minimize its impact on Pond Inlet, and on all the territory. Only together can we all protect our territory from the threat of COVID-19.

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

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**Residents of Pond Inlet must call their health centre first. All regular appointments at the Pond Inlet Health Centre have been cancelled. Only emergency services are available.**

### COVID-19 Hotline and self-assessment tool

Anyone who has reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 is advised to call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or call their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days.

Nunavummiut can also use the self-assessment tool available at [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca)

## COMMUNITY TRAVEL AND GATHERINGS RESTRICTION ORDER

### POND INLET

All travel to and from Pond Inlet is banned except:

- People with a letter from the CPHO
- Medevac patients
- Flight crews
- Nunavut Inuit exercising their hunting rights as set out in Article 5 may leave and return to Pond Inlet but **not** travel to any other community
- People travelling on a flight which must land in Pond Inlet due to weather or emergency

Medevac crews must restrict movements to the airport and the health centre and must wear personal protective equipment.

All businesses operating in Pond Inlet must close except for:

- Grocery stores
- Fuel and motor vehicle stations
- Post office
- Restaurants open for take out service

All social gatherings shall be restricted to five persons or fewer.

No social gatherings in dwellings.

**The order can be consulted at:**

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## **Department of Community and Government Services**

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Critical services will be maintained in Pond Inlet, and plans are in place to ensure that access to services such as heat, power, water, sewer, and communications will not be interrupted.

Community and Government Services (CGS), along with the municipality, has a plan in place for a water intake/pumping solution to ensure the community has ongoing access to water

The temporary pumping system will include:

- A pump set up on the shore of the reservoir,
- Suction hose put through a drilled hole in the ice,
- A discharge hose to supply water into the back of the water truck,
- Manual chlorination into the back of the truck, and,
- The pump will be set up in a temporary porta-tank to provide containment for fuel refilling.

This solution can be managed by municipality staff. CGS is actively working on a permanent solution to be implemented later this summer.

## **Department of Education Services**

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Schools in Pond Inlet are closed to the community, including school staff, until further notice.

The physical distribution of student learning packages in Pond Inlet has been suspended until further notice.

All Department of Education staff, including school staff, are to work from home if possible.

These measures are to ensure the health and safety of Pond Inlet students, families, and staff.

The Department of Education will provide support to other Government of Nunavut departments as needed.

## **Department of Family Services**

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All Family Services programs and services are being conducted via phone – all critical services (such as emergency services for children, youth, women, homeless, and adults with disabilities are available 24/7) remain in place. Contact 867-899-1886, 24/7.

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## **Department of Human Resources**

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Under the Government of Nunavut's (GN) work-from-home model implemented on March 20, GN employees in Pond Inlet continue to be supported to work from home whenever possible.

The GN Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) by Homewood Health offers a wide range of confidential services to employees and their families. Many of these confidential services are relevant in supporting employees and their families as a result of the questions and possible anxiety that has arisen from the coronavirus (COVID-19). Employees and their families can call 1-800-663-1142.

The Department of Human Resources would like to remind employees that if they have a reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 to call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or call their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days.

Employees must inform their managers if they are in self-isolation.

## **Department of Economic Development and Transportation Services**

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Community Operations Office in Pond Inlet remains closed. For inquiries please write to [CEDO@pondinlet.ca](mailto:CEDO@pondinlet.ca)

## **Department of Environment Services**

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The department has suspended the purchasing of pelts due to the confirmed case of COVID-19 in Pond Inlet. The Department of Environment will continue to purchase pelts in other communities.

## **Nunavut Housing Corporation**

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The local housing office in Pond Inlet will continue to provide emergency services only. Tenants can call 1-867-899-1418; 1 867-899-8910 to call if they have an emergency. The local housing office in Pond Inlet is closed.

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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