

Public Service Announcement

Department of Health update on the Iqaluit Do not Consume advisory

Start Date: November 5, 2021 End Date: November 12, 2021

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The Department of Health continues to closely monitor and test water quality in Iqaluit. In ensuring its due diligence and out of an abundance of caution, the department has commissioned a third party to assess the City of Iqaluit's field investigation report submitted to the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) on November 4, 2021.

The third party will also conduct a site investigation and a risk assessment review, with results expected late next week. Once the assessment is complete, the CPHO will be able to determine if the Do not Consume Advisory in Iqaluit can be lifted, or if it should remain in place until such time as the water is deemed safe and the risks of further contamination have been addressed.

Iqalummiut are reminded not to consume tap water for drinking or cooking, until further notice. This includes boiled water, filtered water through commercially sold filters such as Brita filters and filtered water through reverse osmosis systems.

The tap water may still be used for the following purposes:

- Laundry.
- Cleaning.
- Showers and bathing (avoid swallowing water).

Iqalummiut can access safe drinking water in various locations around the city. Visit the City of Iqaluit's website for more information.

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