



Protect yourselves, your community, your loved ones and those who can't be vaccinated. Be safe and well this week. Take care.

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

## **Minister of Health Update:**

Good morning.

A lot has changed in the last 24 hours and we are starting to see a lot of rumors and misinformation on social media sites and the rumour mill.

I want to remind everyone that our government and our territory has been working on this for a year now and we have built solid foundations and practices around COVID-19. We have learned from other outbreaks and trends around the world.

So please, I ask that you listen to what our government is telling you and not the rumors and the false information.

This outbreak has drawn a lot of attention on critical workers, and there are people who are angry and guessing about the identities of individuals. This is unfair, and often untrue.

We have gone over a year with the critical worker exemptions in place, without a case of COVID-19.

Our territory relies on critical and rotational staff for everything from food supply and health care to critical maintenance.

Without this program we would lose vital services and put Nunavummiut at risk.

If it is determined that there was a gap in this system that led to the outbreak in Iqaluit, we will address it.

In the meantime, I want to remind everybody, including the critical workers, that it is important to follow the public health measures. Just don't put people at risk.

Please, do not treat people differently because of their jobs or circumstances.

We are all in this together and no one wants to be sick or see others sick.

Ensure you are listening to the Government of Nunavut about COVID-19. There will always be rumors and panic. We are here to give you the best, most accurate information.

As always, Nunavummiut, we will get through this. Stay safe.

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

## **Chief Public Health Officer Update:**

Good morning,

Today we have confirmed 12 more cases of COVID-19 in Iqaluit. Individuals are isolating and doing well.

It is important that Iqalumiut are aware that while this is a serious situation it is one that we can gain control of, contain and in time, end.

Through contact tracing, it has been determined that there may have been exposure to COVID-19 starting on Thursday, April 8, at Iqaluit's Storehouse Bar and Grill.

Anyone who was at the Storehouse Bar and Grill on or after April 8, is being asked to self-monitor for the next 14 days.

Anyone who develops symptoms must begin isolating for 14 days and contact the COVID hotline at 888-975-8601 to schedule testing.

Additionally, anyone who has left Iqaluit since April 7 to another Nunavut community is now being asked to isolate for 14 days from the day they left the city. If you have already returned to Iqaluit, you do not have to isolate. If you are on medical travel and have returned to Iqaluit, you do not have to isolate. The isolation measure is meant to prevent introduction of COVID-19 to communities outside of Iqaluit.

If you know you have been in close contact with a positive person, tell Public Health and isolate. By cooperating and doing your part you stop the spread. Quick contact tracing isolates the virus and stops outbreaks.

Limit your contacts. Choose your bubble and stay within it. This will decrease the risks of getting and transmitting the virus any further.

Finally, this virus doesn't discriminate between one person or another. It has now been close to 14 months since the beginning of this pandemic, and I would like to remind Nunavummiut that individuals who have tested positive so far come from different backgrounds, have different jobs and circumstances.

Putting blame on others doesn't stop outbreaks. Following public health measures, testing, tracing and isolating stops outbreaks.

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

**\* Correction regarding community transmission statement:**

Right now we have links between every single case, all of the people that have been diagnosed with COVID-19, they were identified as having been involved in this chain of transmission somewhere, so no, it does not meet the criteria for calling it community transmission.

**\* Regarding the order to isolate:**

The current public health orders state that anyone who left Iqaluit on or after April 7 must isolate for 14 days from the day they arrived in a community other than Iqaluit. Someone who went to another community on April 9, for example, would need to isolate until April 23.

To be clear, the travel restriction is to prevent introduction of COVID-19 into other communities and only applies to people who have left Iqaluit going to another Nunavut community. This order will continue to apply while the current public health orders are in effect.

During today's press conference, Dr. Patterson clarified that people who have returned to Iqaluit do not have to isolate.

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

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 information on upcoming vaccine clinics go to:  
<https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>

### COVID-19 case status: April 16

Total tests	Total Confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons followed	Current persons followed
10,163	408	13	391	4	7335	148

\* 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 community case statistics: April 16

Community	Confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday	Confirmed COVID-19 cases today	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Deaths	Recovered cases	Total active cases
Iqaluit	1	13	+12	0	0	13
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>13</b>

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

## COVID-19 vaccination status: April 16

First doses administered	Second doses administered	Total vaccine doses administered
14,035	10,434	24,096

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

## Testing stats to date: April 16

Community	Tests positive_	Tests negative_
Iqaluit	13	N/A
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin	19	399
Sanikiluaq	2	202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>3836</b>

## Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of April 15
Medical	300
Public	166
EMTI	68
Construction	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>560</b>

## Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
16-Apr	33
17-Apr	4
18-Apr	53
19-Apr	26
20-Apr	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)

## Critical Worker Requests

As of May 16, there were 15,027 requests, 7,457 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	11321	75.3%
Denied	304	2.0%
Pending	475	3.2%
Common Travel Area Approved	2927	19.5%
Total	15027	100%

## Department of Education Services

---

### Schools in Iqaluit

As per the CPHO's recommendation, schools in Iqaluit will remain closed.

### Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

Students booking their FANS eligible travel will have to follow the public health measures and recommendations of the Chief Public Health Officer.

If students have any questions about how their travel may be impacted, they can contact the FANS office for information at [fanstravel@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fanstravel@gov.nu.ca).

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.

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>



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)



[INUK](#) | [ENG](#) | [IKW](#) | [FRE](#)