

COVID-19 GN Update

June 14, 2021

Press Secretary's update on behalf of Premier Savikataaq:

Good morning. Premier Savikataaq is in a meeting this morning with his territorial Premier colleagues, so I'll be filling in for this update.

We're announcing no new cases today. There remain nine total active cases in the territory.

So far, 18,009 people in Nunavut have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, and 15,808 are now fully vaccinated.

Premier wanted me to remind all Nunavummiut that the COVID-19 vaccines are our best protection against the virus, and that with the Pfizer clinics starting this week, he's hoping parents make appointments for their 12-17 year old's, as well as themselves if they haven't been vaccinated already.

As you saw yesterday, Aqsarniit Middle School is open today for their cohort A students. Contact tracing is ongoing, and students and staff affected will be swabbed today. Depending on those results, we will determine how to proceed tomorrow. Stay tuned for updates on that.

I'm a parent, and I do understand concerns about the safety and well-being of our kids. However, a lot has changed over this school year and how we determine how to handle cases with the availability of vaccines, and evidence-based practices.

In other news, I'm pleased to let you know that the Chief Public Health Officer has worked closely with Agnico Eagle Mines to approve a protocol to have Nunavummiut employees from the Kivalliq return to work.

The return-to-work process will be voluntary to begin, and not all employees will return to site at the same time, to ensure a gradual approach.





Agnico Eagle Mines will be reaching out to their employees directly and hope to finalize their plans over the next two to 3 weeks.

To wrap up, I'll end with what Premier always says at our updates: Mask up. Wash your hands often. Keep strict physical distance. Keep you bubbles small. Get vaccinated and now, help your teens get vaccinated too.

Stay kind and positive to one another. Do the right thing for yourself, your family and everyone around you. Take care and stay safe.

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning,

In Iqaluit, Public health continues to follow-up on the cases of COVID-19 that resulted in two exposure notices last week, as well as the new cases announced on Friday.

After extensive testing of contacts from staff and clients of the boarding home we have had no additional positive cases of the virus and there is no evidence of transmission at the boarding home. As a result, medical travellers can start going home as early as today.

We are also not aware of any transmission due to the emergency room exposure notice. We are contact tracing and asking people to get tested if they were there. Testing can be arranged by calling the COVID hotline, going to the cadet hall walk up clinic or the mobile testing unit around the city.

Regarding schools in Iqaluit, we are expecting test results from swabs taken from classmates and contacts of Cohort B students at Aqsarniit Illiniarvik. If any of these tests come back positive today, we will reassess the school opening in a manner that reduces risk and that allows students to continue their education.

The Department of Health does regular surveillance testing at the schools to help ensure we can track and contain the virus quickly.

This week, youth vaccines will start rolling out across the territory for youth ages 12 to 17. Youth who go to a clinic without a parent will be assessed by the nurse to ensure they are making an informed choice. If the nurse feels parental consent is required, the





youth will be asked to come back with a parent. Appointments can be made by calling the health centres. Information on the clinics is also available on the GN website and posted on community social media pages.

Beginning today, individuals who are fully vaccinated no longer need to isolate after travel. This decision was not made lightly. It was taken based on the current evidence and is part of a gradual approach to easing measures that ensures the risks of introduction and spread of the virus are reduced so that we do not inadvertently create a situation where we have multiple outbreaks across the territory.

Our under 18 population is currently unvaccinated. As youth 12-17 get their vaccine and as more adults complete vaccination, the risk of getting and transmitting the virus will drop significantly. In addition, current public health measures including mandatory masks territory-wide will help to reduce risk.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and I urge families to talk to youth about the vaccine so they can make an informed choice. Please make an appointment to get your vaccine, for the health of your family, friends and your community. The higher the uptake of the vaccine, the lower the risk and the better our chances to further ease restrictions and put an end to the threat of COVID-19.

Thank you.

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





Upcoming Community Vaccine Clinics

COVID-19 Vaccinations Clinics for 12 to 17 year olds:

	Arctic Bay (Mass clinic)					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 17 - 18		Monday to Friday			
2	July 14 - 16	Health Centre	8:30 a.m. to 5:00	867-439-8873		
			p.m.			
		Arviat (Mass clinic)				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	Every Saturday					
	starting June 19	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	867-857-3100		
2	Every Saturday	Tieaitii Ceiitie	το α.π. το τ μ.π.	007-037-3100		
	starting July 10					
		Baker Lake (Mass clinic				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 24 to 26	Community Arena	Noon to 9 p.m.	867-793-2816		
2	July 15 to 17		<u> </u>			
		Cambridge Bay (Mass clir				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 28 to 30	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867 983-4500		
2	July 21 - 23		το α.π. το σ μ.π.			
		Chesterfield Inlet				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	Appointments start June 21	Health Centre	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	867-898-9968		
		Clyde River (Mass clinic	;)			
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 15 to 17	Ouluga Sabaal	Noon to 9 p.m.	067 024 6277		
2	July 6 to 8	Quluaq School		867-924-6377		
		Coral Harbour (Mass clin	ic)			
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 22	Health Centre	Noon to 0 n m	867-925-9916		
2	July 13	Health Centre	Noon to 9 p.m.	007-920-9910		
		Gjoa Haven (Mass clinic	;)			
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	June 21 to 22					
	11.45.15	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867-360-7741		
2	July 15 to 16					
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Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number		
1	Appointments start		Monday to Friday			
	June 17	Health Centre	8:30 a.m. to 5:00	867-980-9923.		
			p.m.			

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/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus;





	Igloolik (Mass clinic)							
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 16 to 18	Community Hall	Noon to 9 p.m.	867-934-2100				
2	July 7,8 &10	•	110011 to 0 p.m.	007 001 2100				
	Iqaluit (Mass clinic)							
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 16 to 19	Curling Rink (TBD)	1 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Walk-in				
2	July 14 to 17	Kimmirut	<u>'</u>					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	Appointments start	Location	Monday to Friday	Number				
'	June 18	Health Centre	8:30 a.m. to 5:00	867-939-2217				
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		Kinngait (Mass clinic)	P					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 18, 19 and 21	Small Community Hall	Noon to O n m	067 007 0000				
2	July 12 to 14	(sewing centre)	Noon to 9 p.m.	867-897-8820				
		Kugaaruk (Mass clinic)						
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 18 to 19							
2	July 12 to 13	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867-769-6441				
		Kugluktuk (Mass clinic)						
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	July 5 and 6	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867-982-4531				
2	July 27 and 28		To diffice o pinni	007 002 1001				
- "	l s	Naujaat (Mass clinic)	 	 				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 16 and 17	Health Centre	1 p.m. to 9 p.m.	867-462-9916				
2	July 7 and 8	Tioditi Contro	r piini to o piini	007 102 0010				
		Pangnirtung (Mass clinic	,*					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 15 to 17	Community Hall/Hamlet	Noon to 9 p.m.	867-473-8977				
2	July 6 to 8	Building	Noon to 9 p.m.	007-473-0911				
	Pond Inlet (Mass clinic)							
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	June 15 to 17	Noningile High Cohool	Noon to C n m	967 900 7500				
2	July 6 to 8	Nasivvik High School	Noon to 9 p.m	867-899-7500				
		Qikiqtarjuaq						
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number				
1	Appointments start	Lloolth Contro	Monday to Friday	067 007 0040				
	June 15		8:30 a.m. to 5	867-927-8916				



	Rankin Inlet (Mass clinic)						
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	June 22	Community Recreation	10 a m to 0 n m	067 645 0070			
2	July 13	Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867-645-8070			
		Resolute Bay					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	Appointments start June 17	Health Centre	Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5	867-252-3844			
		Sanikiluaq					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	June 19	New Health Centre	Noon to O n m	867-266-8965			
2	July 10	New Health Centre	Noon to 9 p.m.				
		Sanirajak					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	Appointments start June 16	Health Centre	Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5	867-928-8827			
		Taloyoak (Mass clinic)					
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	June 24 to 25	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	867-561-5111			
2	July 18 to 19	Health Centre	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	007-001-0111			
		Whale Cove (Mass clinic	c)				
Dose #	Date	Location	Time	Number			
1	June 19	Health Centre	Noon to 0 n m	967 906 0016			
2	July 10		Noon to 9 p.m.	867-896-9916			

COVID-19 case status: June 14

Total	Total	Total	Total	Deaths	Total	Current
tests	Confirmed	active	recovered		persons	persons
	cases	cases	cases		followed	followed
17,063	657	9	644	4	8656	437

^{*} 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.

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





^{*}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 stats: June 14

Community	COVID-19 status	Time period	Confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday	Confirmed COVID-19 cases today	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Deaths	Recovered cases	Total active cases
Iqaluit	Ongoing	Since 14/04/2021	253	253	0	0	244	9
Kinngait	Ongoing	Since 19/04/2021	7	7	0	0	7	0
Rankin Inlet	Isolated	Since 24/04/2021	2	2	0	0	2	0
Arviat	Over	11/2020 - 04/2021	339	339	0	1	338	0
Whale Cove	Over	11/2020 – 02/2021	23	23	0	0	23	0
Rankin Inlet	Over	11/2020 – 12/2020	19	19	0	0	19	0
Sani	Over	11/2020 – 12/2020	2	2	0	0	2	0
TOTAL			645	645	0	1	635	9

COVID-19 vaccination status: June 14, 2021

Nunavut Total Population Estimates by Community, as of July 1 2020

•		18 and
	Total	over
Arctic Bay	946	530
Arviat	2,918	1,696
Baker Lake	2,265	1,471
Cambridge Bay	1,902	1,352
Chesterfield Inlet	453	287
Clyde River	1,192	688
Coral Harbour	973	554
Gjoa Haven	1,398	836
Grise Fiord	140	96
Igloolik	1,978	1,094
lqaluit	8,284	6,049
Kimmirut	427	265
Kinngait	1,547	923
Kugaaruk	1,180	650
Kugluktuk	1,517	1,000
Naujaat	1,270	648
Pangnirtung	1,631	1,008
Pond Inlet	1,794	1,031
Qikiqtarjuaq	651	421
Rankin Inlet	3,026	2,089
Resolute Bay	218	136
Sanikiluaq	1,014	573
Sanirajak	1,000	545
Taloyoak	1,146	670
Whale Cove	483	266
Territorial total	39,353	24,878

Dose 1	%	Dose 2	%
391	74%	323	61%
1273	75%	1068	63%
882	60%	722	49%
1050	78%	946	70%
208	72%	164	57%
503	73%	450	65%
283	51%	243	44%
434	52%	368	44%
81	84%	39	41%
543	50%	440	40%
5806	96%	4873	81%
199	75%	166	63%
534	58%	443	48%
320	49%	227	35%
586	59%	500	50%
371	57%	305	47%
689	68%	542	54%
662	64%	552	54%
250	59%	206	49%
1450	69%	1350	65%
197	145%	133	98%
358	62%	287	50%
351	64%	318	58%
430	64%	371	55%
174	65%	133	50%
18025	72%	15169	61%



This information shows the number of doses given in a community as of June 14, 2021.

The percentage of vaccine administered is vaccine administered divided by the Nunavut population estimate for 18 and older.

Territorial totals for doses are an accurate summary. The community level data is under review to ensure appropriate attribution. Community totals will be adjusted as needed. This may lead to minor fluctuations in the percentages by community.

Doses are typically attributed to the community in which they are administered.

Total doses given will include residents and non-residents, including rotational workers.

An individual may have received dose 1 and/or dose 2 outside of their community of residence.

This does not account for people who may have been vaccinated partially or fully out of territory.

A high percentage in one community does not equal herd immunity. There is no established or defined percentage of what herd immunity is for COVID-19. Whatever herd immunity may be, it cannot achieved with current vaccine approvals (e.g. no vaccine available for children under twelve).

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division, Special tabulations. Prepared by: Nunavut Bureau of Statistics, January 27, 2021.

Dose numbers are from the Department of Health's Meditech system.

Eligible adults in community are defined as the number of individuals 18 and older as per the 2020 population estimates.

The community population estimates are "non-official" since they are not based on components of population growth (births, deaths and migration). They should be used with caution.

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Testing stats to date per community: June 14

Community	Tests positive	Tests negative
Iqaluit	253	5024
Kinngait	7	200
Rankin Inlet	2	147
Arviat	339	2883
Whale Cove	23	352
Rankin Inlet	19	339
Sanikiluaq	2	202
TOTAL	645	9,147

Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of June 14
Medical	306
Public	156
EMTI	34
Construction	50
Total	546

Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
12-Jun	36
13-Jun	31
14-Jun	75
15-Jun	72
16-Jun	47
Total	261

Critical Worker Requests:

As of June 14, there were 17,772 requests, 8,836 of which were critical worker requests.

Request Status	#	%
Approved (includes critical and non-critical)	13,958	78.5%
Denied	317	1.8%
Pending	570	3.2%
Common Travel Area Approved	2,927	16.5%
Total	17,772	100%

Department of Education Services

New developments in programs/ services:

On Friday, June 11, 2021, the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) confirmed two positive cases of COVID-19 at Aqsarniit Illiniarvik. Both positive cases occurred through household transmission and there is no evidence of school transmission. These individuals were in Cohort B. Aqsarniit Illiniarvik is open today, Monday, June 14, for Cohort A students.

Based on the recommendation of the CPHO, all schools in Iqaluit, including Aqsarniit Illiniarvik, remain in Stage 3 on Monday, June 14.

The wearing of masks is mandatory in common areas of schools.

According to the CPHO, children and youth participating in school-based activities and organized sports programs are exempt from the Government of Nunavut's territory-wide mandatory mask order that came into effect on Monday, June 14, 2021.

While there are exemptions for school-based activities, it is recommended that students over the age of 12 wear a mask at all times when physical distancing cannot be maintained.





Ongoing services:

K-12 Schools

The following stages **continue** to be in effect:

- Stage 3 Schools in Iqaluit.
- Stage 2 Schools in Rankin Inlet and the Qikiqtani region, except Sanikiluaq and Iqaluit.
- Stage 1 Schools in Sanikiluaq, the Kitikmeot region, and Kivalliq region, except for Rankin Inlet.

Schools will implement the appropriate action plan for their current stage.

Early Learning and Child Care

All Nunavut childcare facilities can remain open, including those in Iqaluit.

Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS)

Students booking their FANS-eligible travel must follow the public health measures and recommendations of the CPHO.

If students have questions about their travel, they can contact the FANS office for information at fanstravel@gov.nu.ca.

Department of Community and Government services

All isolation requests for construction worker are to be booked through CPHOConstructionRequests@gov.nu.ca. Isolations occur in Ottawa and Quebec City construction hubs, as well as in Winnipeg and Edmonton.

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Construction Workers Completed Isolation and Travelled to Nunavut				
2021 Total to Date	1,273			
January	164			
February	220			
March	204			
April	270			
May	293			
June 1 – June 13	122			
May – Dec 2020 Total	2,183			

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.