

Recovery data was not reported today. There have been 370 total reported recoveries in this outbreak.

Today, we are announcing another initiative as part of the Government of Nunavut's COVID-19 Response Plan. We are providing \$375,000 in additional funding for community radios in Nunavut. Each community radio station will be eligible for \$15,000. Community radios are a lifeline in our territory – helping in disseminate essential public health information. This funding can be used to cover operating expenses such as salaries and the purchase of equipment. For more information, please contact the Department of Culture and Heritage at chfunds@gov.nu.ca or call the toll-free number at 1-866-934-2035.

Qujannamiik Minister Quassa for this work.

The Minister is here to answer any questions regarding this initiative.

I am also pleased to announce that we have heard from the federal government regarding our other COVID-19 asks. Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Bill Blair, issued a response to our letter late last week.

The federal government has provided Nunavut with:

- Three additional nurses, all with previous experience working in Nunavut; and
- Nine contact tracers – these are Statistics Canada employees.

The housing gap and overcrowding in our communities, continues to escalate the spread of COVID-19 and Tuberculosis in Nunavut. I urge our federal partners to collaborate with us to identify a pathway to addressing Nunavut's housing needs.

I want to remind Nunavummiut to stay vigilant as we return to offices this week.

Please continue to:

- Stay home when possible.
- Stick to your small bubble.
- Get vaccinated.
 - And get your booster shot.
- Wear a mask.
- Alert the COVID hotline and isolate if you have any symptoms.

As always be kind – we are all in this together. Qujannamiik.

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Minister of Health Update:

Good morning,

Yesterday, the new public health measures came into effect. We have increased gathering sizes, allowed businesses to open and removed the travel restrictions between Nunavut communities. I urge people to continue to follow the restrictions, get vaccinated and only travel when absolutely necessary. This outbreak isn't over and we all need to do our part to ensure the number of active cases continues to drop.

I am happy to report that all Nunavut Elders who were diagnosed with COVID-19 at Embassy West have recovered from the virus. As of yesterday, there were four essential caregivers from Nunavut at Embassy West along with two family members who live in Ottawa providing assistance with essential care. Another caregiver from the territory will be arriving later this week.

Elders at the Andy Aulatjut Centre in Arviat continue to be COVID free and there have been no new infections among staff. The centre has also received additional PPE such as N95 mask, visors and surgical mask to help with infection control.

On January 13, two staff members at the Gjoa Haven Continuing Care Centre tested positive for COVID-19. So far there none of the nine elders at the centre have tested positive and have not shown signs of symptoms. We will continue to test and monitor the elders.

Staffing at all our elders' facilities remains adequate.

Thank you.

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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>

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

COVID-19 case statistics to date: January 17, 2022

Total tests	Total confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons vaccinated with at least one dose in Nunavut	Total persons vaccinated with two doses in Nunavut
27,614	1222	177	1040	5	31,623	52,197

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COVID-19 community case statistics: January 17, 2022

Community	COVID-19 Status	Time period	Public case count yesterday (TOTAL)	Public case count today (TOTAL)	Change from yesterday (cases)	Cumulative Recovered	Change from yesterday (recoveries)	Total Active Cases
Naujaat	Ongoing	January 15, 2022	5	11	6	0	0	11
Kugaaruk	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	2	2	0	0	0	2
Gjoa Haven	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	2	2	0	0	0	2
Taloyoak	Ongoing	January 11, 2022	3	4	1	0	0	4
Coral Harbour	Ongoing	January 9, 2022	13	14	1	1	1	13
Whale-Cove	Ongoing	January 7, 2022	12	12	0	9	8	2
Sanikiluaq	Ongoing	January 4, 2022	13	13	0	2	2	11
Kinngait	Ongoing	January 2, 2022	47	47	0	26	18	21
Pond Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chesterfield Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	6	6	0	5	5	1
Cambridge Bay	Ongoing	December 30, 2021	34	41	7	30	22	11
Igloolik	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	18	18	0	18	0	0
Baker Lake	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	26	34	8	1	0	33
Arviat	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	114	114	0	82	24	32
Sanirajak	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	19	20	1	17	5	3
Qikiqtarjuaq	Ongoing	December 28, 2021	7	7	0	7	1	0
Rankin Inlet	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	71	71	0	54	10	17
Pangnirtung	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	26	26	0	24	3	2
Iqaluit	Ongoing	November 4, 2021	102	105	3	94	18	11
Total			521	548	27	370	117	177

*Please note: These numbers change frequently. Every effort is made to keep this information up-to-date and complete, but it may not reflect all persons followed or tested.

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** Confirmed cases include those meeting the national case definitions.

***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 vaccination status: January 17, 2022

Vaccine uptake Meditech numbers as of January 17, 2022

	Vaccines administered - 5 to 11 (inclusive)				Vaccines administered - 12 to 17 (inclusive)				Vaccines administered - 18 and over				Total vaccines administered 5+			
	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%
Nunavut	3,092	52%	0	0%	3,795	88%	3,218	75%	24,736	99%	21,928	88%	31,623	90%	25,093	71%
Qikiqtaaluk Region	1,559	50%	0	0%	1,859	86%	1,614	75%	13,245	99%	11,784	88%	16,663	89%	13,392	72%
Arctic Bay	92	53%	0	0%	102	94%	97	90%	501	95%	442	83%	695	86%	539	67%
Clyde River	138	67%	0	0%	121	77%	107	68%	601	87%	562	82%	860	82%	670	64%
Grise Fiord	6	50%	0	0%	9	38%	7	29%	95	99%	92	96%	110	83%	99	75%
Igloolik	142	38%	0	0%	197	75%	143	55%	933	85%	782	71%	1,272	73%	925	53%
Iqaluit	486	53%	0	0%	618	94%	551	84%	6,887	114%	6,233	103%	7,991	105%	6,776	89%
Kimmirut	55	76%	0	0%	61	124%	57	116%	266	100%	244	92%	382	99%	300	78%
Kinngait	102	40%	0	0%	134	76%	119	67%	713	77%	611	66%	949	70%	730	54%
Pangnirtung	158	55%	0	0%	172	104%	144	87%	825	82%	719	71%	1,155	79%	863	59%
Pond Inlet	202	57%	0	0%	205	99%	178	86%	864	84%	774	75%	1,271	80%	952	60%
Qikiqtarjuaq	39	45%	0	0%	37	54%	29	42%	322	76%	262	62%	398	69%	294	51%
Resolute Bay	19	70%	0	0%	15	52%	15	52%	223	164%	161	118%	257	134%	176	92%
Sanikiluaq	8	4%	0	0%	95	73%	84	64%	499	87%	451	79%	602	68%	535	60%
Sanirajak	112	66%	0	0%	93	77%	83	69%	516	95%	451	83%	721	86%	533	64%
Kivalliq Region	1,065	59%	0	0%	1,202	91%	986	75%	6,536	93%	5,802	83%	8,803	87%	6,788	67%
Arviat	333	68%	0	0%	355	94%	289	77%	1,624	96%	1,445	85%	2,312	90%	1,734	68%
Baker Lake	224	69%	0	0%	198	83%	167	70%	1,261	86%	1,091	74%	1,683	83%	1,258	62%
Chesterfield Inlet	57	90%	0	0%	34	63%	32	59%	255	89%	236	82%	346	86%	268	66%
Coral Harbour	35	21%	0	0%	90	76%	74	63%	487	88%	427	77%	612	73%	501	60%
Nauyasat	113	42%	0	0%	171	98%	148	85%	638	98%	569	88%	922	84%	717	66%
Rankin Inlet	248	64%	0	0%	297	102%	226	78%	2,009	96%	1,804	86%	2,554	92%	2,030	73%
Whale Cove	55	60%	0	0%	57	81%	50	71%	262	98%	230	86%	374	88%	280	66%
Kitikmeot Region	467	44%	0	0%	685	83%	569	69%	4,094	91%	3,481	77%	5,246	82%	4,003	63%
Cambridge Bay	95	43%	0	0%	161	84%	136	71%	1,324	98%	1,166	86%	1,580	90%	1,290	73%
Gjoa Haven	80	37%	0	0%	129	75%	108	63%	785	94%	625	75%	994	81%	729	60%
Kugaaruk	77	37%	0	0%	101	61%	75	45%	533	82%	417	64%	711	70%	491	48%
Kugluktuk	110	50%	0	0%	154	94%	140	85%	877	88%	782	78%	1,141	83%	892	65%
Taloyoak	105	53%	0	0%	140	104%	110	81%	575	86%	491	73%	820	82%	601	60%
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*Multiple communities represent individuals who received doses in two separate communities, or in communities that are not their place of residence.

Details/Limitations:

This information shows the number of doses given in a community as of **January 17, 2022**. The percentage of vaccine administered is vaccine administered divided by the Nunavut population estimate for 18 and older.

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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.

Multiple communities represent individuals who received doses in two separate communities, or in communities that are not their place of residence.

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 be 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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Isolation population:

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of Jan-17
Medical	48
Public	8
EMTI	4
Construction	0
Total	56

Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
Jan-18	0
Jan-19	3
Jan-20	5
Jan-21	0
Jan-22	0
Total	8

New developments in your programs/ services: Kitikmeot Region

- Kugluktuk health centre on emergency services (due to short staffing).
- Gjoa Haven, Cambridge Bay and Kugaaruk health centres on emergency services due to COVID-19 in community.

Ongoing services:

- Specialty clinics, MD visits and dental clinics.

Adjusted services:

- Orthodontist charter postponed due to COVID-19.
- Some non-urgent medical travel appointments postponed.
- Some Yellowknife surgeries cancelled until further notice.

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Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

- Rehabilitation team community visits suspended until further notice.

Special Operations Division

New developments in your programs/ services:

- 'Swab-Air' has been reinstated to support timely turn-around of swabs.
- Booster clinics for 12-17 year olds have commenced.
- Dose 2 vaccine clinics for 5-11 year olds commencing next week.
- Working with partners at CGS to distribute 250,000 level 3 masks to Hamlets. Masks are product of an RFA submitted in December.

Ongoing services:

- Vaccine appointment for 12+ are ongoing across the territory.

Department of Family Services

New developments in your programs/ services:

All DFS services / Family Wellness Division continue to be available 24/7. The non-urgent support is provided by distance and online. Emergencies are attended to in person, following COVID guidelines.

Ongoing services:

Continued provision of services 24/7 accessed by on-call number.

Adjusted services:

In person and walk-ins have been suspended for non-emergency situations.

Closed /Cancelled/Suspended services:

Office is closed.

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Department of Education Services

Ongoing services:

FANS

Questions about FANS benefits can be sent to fans@gov.nu.ca. Students with questions about their FANS-eligible travel can contact fanstravel@gov.nu.ca for information.

Early Learning and Child Care

Child care facilities are permitted to reopen on January 17 to all children.

The Department of Education's updated school health and safety plans and supports can be found at: <https://gov.nu.ca/education/information/2021-22-opening-plan-nunavut-schools>.

Adjusted services:

Response times from the FANS office may be delayed due to active COVID-19 cases in Arviat.

Closed/Cancelled/Suspended Services:

K-12 Schools

All K-12 schools will be closed to students until January 24, 2022, or as advised by the CPHO.

January diploma exams for Nunavut students have been cancelled. Students who were scheduled to write a diploma exam in January 2022 will instead receive an exemption and their school mark will stand for 100% of their overall mark.

Early Learning and Child Care

The Government of Nunavut has asked child care facilities to re-open for children of critical industry workers.

Critical industry workers include those positions crucial to the health and safety of Nunavummiut, including those in healthcare, municipal services, retail, and airlines.

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Department of Human Resources Services

New developments in your programs/services:

Yesterday, Government of Nunavut offices re-opened to its employees. GN offices remain closed to the public.

From January 17 to 31, in support of a safe and healthy workplace and to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all GN employees are encouraged to continue working from home as much as possible and only go to the workplace if required. Supervisors are expected to be as flexible as possible while ensuring that operational requirements are met.

Ongoing services:

All current staffing competitions will continue and resumés for casual positions and current competitions can continue to be submitted by email, but staffing offices are closed to the public.

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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