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# COVID-19 GN Update

January 27, 2022

## Premier's update:

Ullakut,

As of this morning Nunavut has 279 positive cases of COVID-19.

We have active cases in 16 communities – the reported numbers are:

- 18 in Arviat,
- 28 in Baker Lake,
- 31 in Cambridge Bay,
- One in Chesterfield Inlet,
- 15 in Coral Harbour,
- 55 in Igloolik
- 33 in Iqaluit,
- Zero in Gjoa Haven,
- Zero Kimmirut
- 16 in Kinngait,
- Zero in Kugaaruk,
- Two Kugluktuk
- Five in Naujaat,
- Zero in Pangnirtung,
- Seven in Pond Inlet,
- Zero in Qikiqtarjuaq,
- 18 in Rankin Inlet,
- Five in Sanirajak,
- 28 in Sanikiluaq,
- 11 in Taloyoak, and
- Six in Whale Cove.

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We have 73 reported recoveries today. There have been 591 total reported recoveries in this outbreak.

I am also pleased to note that we have allocated additional supports for vulnerable Nunavummiut as part of the Government of Nunavut's COVID-19 Response Plan. This additional \$3.25 million will be made available through various community initiatives. The Department of Family Services has reallocated \$1.25 million to provide community food organizations or municipalities with grants so they can support food security initiatives. The department has also provided an additional \$1 million for the Ikur'raq cabin building program.

Finally, Tukisigiarvik, Ilitaqsiniq, Ilisaqsivik and the Embrace Life Council will each receive \$250,000 to continue to provide services and programs to Nunavummiut in need. These initiatives are led by The Department of Family Services.

Qujannamiik Minister Nakashuk for this initiative.

The Minister is here to answer any questions regarding these initiatives.

I want to remind Nunavummiut of the COVID-19 resource lines we have available. If you are isolating because of COVID-19, you can call 1-888-902-0872 or email [isolationsupports@gov.nu.ca](mailto:isolationsupports@gov.nu.ca) to access the Government of Nunavut isolation grocery hamper. Please be patient – the staff are dealing with high volumes of calls.

For those with travel related questions please call Government of Nunavut's toll-free travel line at 1-833-524-0735. Operators and staff are available to help in all four official languages.

Please get vaccinated, get your children vaccinated, and get your booster shot when you can. I know many of us are feeling the weight of the pandemic, but we can't let our guard down.

We must continue to adhere to public health measures.

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

Above all be patient and kind.

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## Minister of Health Update:

Ublaattiaq, Morning.

I'd like to speak about how dangerous misinformation regarding Covid 19 can be. Unfortunately, there are some Nunavummiut who are using radio or social media to spread lies regarding vaccinations. As we go through tough times as a territory, there is nothing to be gained from these lies.

I will say this again - the Covid vaccines are safe. As I see our youth and others getting vaccinated, I feel real hope for the future. Having more people vaccinated will also help us go back to living more normal lives. On the other hand, vaccine misinformation puts Nunavummiut at risk. Misinformation only provides fear and destroys trust.

Those who are not vaccinated are at much greater risk of becoming very ill or dying from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is a personal choice. If you don't believe in the vaccine, please do not put others at risk with your false information.

If you are unsure about the vaccine, and if you have questions – that's okay. Listen to the experts. Listen to Dr. Patterson. Speak to a nurse that you trust. Don't listen to social media or community members who are not health professionals.

I'd also like to speak about how important it is to respect our Nunavut Health staff during these tough times. Now, I know some people are frustrated by the public health measures. But Please Do not take your frustrations out on health staff. Some of our health professionals are facing abusive and threatening language. Health staff are working long hours. They are there to help. They do not control the public health measures and they are working as hard as they can to provide communities with the best possible care.

Let's keep working together against Covid-19. If you are struggling with isolation, the restrictions, or the stress and anxiety from COVID-19, as many of us are, there is help available. I encourage Nunavummiut to access the mental health services and hotlines available across the territory. Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line: 1-800-265-3333 and for Government of Nunavut employees there is the Employee and Family Assistance Program: 1-800-663-1142

Please remember we are all in this together and we are all doing the best we can. We all have a role to play in getting through this pandemic and your actions help protect everyone's health.

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Thank you.

**Chief Public Health Officer Update:**

Good morning,

Over the past few days, we have received questions about how we decide to change public health restrictions and why one community has stricter public health measures than others.

It is important to understand that the number of cases of COVID-19 in a community do not necessarily represent the degree of spread nor the level of risk. There are other factors that need to be considered together when we assess the risk to a community. These include the number of households involved; how fast the virus is spreading; whether or not Health staff can keep up with testing and tracing, and what percentage of the community has been vaccinated. We consider all of these factors when setting measures.

The best ways to reduce the risk to communities include:

- Staying home when you are sick.
- Following public health measures.
- Wearing masks.
- Limiting nonessential gatherings.
- Following the isolation rules.
- Getting vaccinated.

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**

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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: January 27, 2022**

<b>Total tests</b>	<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>Total active cases</b>	<b>Total recovered cases</b>	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>Total persons vaccinated with at least one dose in Nunavut</b>	<b>Total persons vaccinated with two doses in Nunavut</b>	<b>Total persons vaccinated with three doses in Nunavut</b>
30,696	1544	279	1260	5	31,855	25,367	11,123

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## COVID-19 community case statistics: January 27, 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
Kugluktuk	Ongoing	January 23, 2022	3	3	0	1	1	2
Kimmirut	Ongoing	January 22, 2022	1	1	0	1	1	0
Naujaat	Ongoing	January 15, 2022	15	15	0	10	6	5
Kugaaruk	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	2	2	0	2	0	0
Gjoa Haven	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	4	4	0	4	0	0
Taloyoak	Ongoing	January 11, 2022	10	15	5	4	0	11
Coral Harbour	Ongoing	January 9, 2022	30	31	1	16	1	15
Whale Cove	Ongoing	January 7, 2022	19	19	0	12	0	6
Sanikiluaq	Ongoing	January 4, 2022	45	46	1	18	6	28
Kinngait	Ongoing	January 2, 2022	59	64	5	48	2	16
Pond Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	6	8	2	1	0	7
Chesterfield Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	6	6	0	5	0	1
Cambridge Bay	Ongoing	December 30, 2021	76	77	1	46	5	31
Igloolik	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	50	75	25	20	2	55
Baker Lake	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	59	62	3	34	14	28
Arviat	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	122	123	1	105	7	18
Sanirajak	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	26	26	0	21	1	5
Qikiqtarjuaq	Ongoing	December 28, 2021	8	8	0	8	1	0
Rankin Inlet	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	90	97	7	79	8	18
Pangnirtung	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	26	26	0	26	0	0
Iqaluit	Ongoing	November 4, 2021	157	163	6	130	18	33
<b>Total</b>			<b>814</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>279</b>

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\*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.

\*\* Starting 17 Jan 2022, confirmed cases include those meeting the revised Nunavut case definitions. This includes COVID-19 cases detected either by a confirmatory (PCR) or a presumptive (rapid) test.

\*\*\*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 25, 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	%
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>24,858</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,076</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>31,801</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>25,313</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Qikiqtaaluk Region</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>13,308</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,844</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>16,754</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>13,463</b>	<b>72%</b>
Arctic Bay	102	59%	0	0%	101	94%	95	88%	501	95%	443	84%	704	87%	538	66%
Clyde River	138	67%	0	0%	120	76%	106	68%	597	87%	562	82%	855	81%	668	64%
Grise Fiord	6	50%	0	0%	9	38%	7	29%	95	99%	92	96%	110	83%	99	75%
Igloolik	156	41%	0	0%	200	77%	146	56%	938	86%	788	72%	1,294	75%	934	54%
Iqaluit	507	56%	0	0%	618	94%	555	85%	6,905	114%	6,234	103%	8,030	105%	6,789	89%
Kimmirut	55	76%	0	0%	61	124%	57	116%	266	100%	245	92%	382	99%	302	78%
Kinngait	83	33%	0	0%	136	77%	120	68%	717	78%	619	67%	936	69%	739	55%
Pangnirtung	156	54%	0	0%	170	102%	142	86%	841	83%	728	72%	1,167	80%	870	59%
Pond Inlet	207	58%	0	0%	205	99%	178	86%	870	84%	777	75%	1,282	80%	955	60%
Qikiqtarjuaq	38	44%	0	0%	38	55%	30	43%	332	79%	286	68%	408	71%	316	55%
Resolute Bay	19	70%	0	0%	15	52%	15	52%	221	163%	160	118%	255	133%	175	91%
Sanikiluaq	8	4%	0	0%	95	73%	84	64%	506	88%	455	79%	609	68%	539	60%
Sanirajak	110	65%	0	0%	93	77%	84	69%	519	95%	455	83%	722	86%	539	64%
<b>Kivalliq Region</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>67%</b>
Arviat	332	67%	0	0%	355	94%	289	77%	1,624	96%	1,445	85%	2,311	90%	1,734	68%
Baker Lake	223	69%	0	0%	197	82%	166	69%	1,261	86%	1,095	74%	1,681	83%	1,261	62%
Chesterfield Inlet	57	90%	0	0%	36	67%	33	61%	256	89%	236	82%	349	86%	269	67%
Coral Harbour	35	21%	0	0%	91	77%	74	63%	491	89%	430	78%	617	73%	504	60%
Nauyasat	112	41%	0	0%	171	98%	148	85%	638	98%	569	88%	921	84%	717	66%
Rankin Inlet	248	64%	0	0%	297	102%	227	78%	2,009	96%	1,820	87%	2,554	92%	2,047	74%
Whale Cove	55	60%	0	0%	57	81%	51	73%	261	98%	230	86%	373	87%	281	66%
<b>Kitikmeot Region</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>64%</b>
Cambridge Bay	104	47%	0	0%	163	85%	138	72%	1,333	99%	1,181	87%	1,600	91%	1,319	75%
Gjoa Haven	79	37%	0	0%	129	75%	108	63%	789	94%	635	76%	997	82%	743	61%
Kugaaruk	75	36%	0	0%	101	61%	75	45%	532	82%	416	64%	708	69%	491	48%
Kugluktuk	120	55%	0	0%	154	94%	140	85%	875	88%	780	78%	1,149	83%	920	67%
Taloyoak	105	53%	0	0%	142	105%	110	81%	578	86%	492	73%	825	82%	602	60%
Multiple Communities*	0		0		59		59		903		903		962		962	

### Details/Limitations:

This information shows the number of doses given in a community as of **January 25, 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-26
Medical	54
Public	0
EMTI	0
Construction	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

## Traveller repatriation summary:

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
Jan-27	7
Jan-28	2
Jan-29	5
Jan-30	5
Jan-31	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

## Department of Education Services

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### Ongoing services:

#### K-12 Schools

With the exception of Igloolik, all other Nunavut schools are open to students at either 100% capacity or 50% capacity, depending on the COVID-19 situation in each community.

- Schools in Cambridge Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit, Kinngait, and Sanikiluaq are open at 50% capacity.
- Schools in all other communities are open at 100% capacity.
- Schools will communicate directly to students and families regarding their status and cohort plans.
- If parents are not sure about their student's cohort, they should contact their student's teacher.

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## FANS

- The FANS office continues to process payments for students who have submitted their FANS Student Enrollment Form (SEF).
- NAC students who have not yet done so should send their FANS SEF (with Part A completed) and their NAC enrollment verification letter to the FANS office.
- Students must allow up to 15 business days from the date they submitted their required enrollment document(s) to FANS to the date they should see the funds deposited into their bank account.
- If after 15 business days students have not received a deposit in their bank account, they can email [fans@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fans@gov.nu.ca) to let them know. Students should attach a copy of their bank statement from January 1 to the current date.
- Questions about FANS benefits can be sent to [fans@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fans@gov.nu.ca).
- Students with questions about their FANS-eligible travel can contact [fanstravel@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fanstravel@gov.nu.ca) for information.
- Students who experience flight changes during their travel should email [fanstravel@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fanstravel@gov.nu.ca) during office hours or, if it is after hours, call the after-hours travel number at 1-867-857-6950.

### **Adjusted services:**

#### Early Learning and Child Care

- As advised by the CPHO, Igloolik child care facilities may remain open for essential workers.

## FANS

- During peak times for the FANS office, such as the start of a new semester, the service standard for responding to emails is 3-5 business days. Response times from the FANS office may be delayed due to active COVID-19 cases in Arviat.
- Currently, FANS staff are working remotely, and the regular FANS phone line is not being monitored.
- The best way to contact FANS is by email at [fans@gov.nu.ca](mailto:fans@gov.nu.ca).

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## **Closed/Cancelled/Suspended Services:**

### K-12 Schools

As advised by the CPHO, Igloolik schools are closed to students and staff.

- Schools in Igloolik will reach out to students regarding remote learning for the coming week.

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

Nunavummiut's health is our shared responsibility! Remember: wash your hands, get vaccinated, practice social distancing, listen to the advice of health officials, and stay home if you're sick.

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