



COVID-19 GN Update

February 15, 2022

Premier's update:

Ullakkut,

And a special greeting to all the Elders watching.

As of this morning Nunavut has 352 positive cases of COVID-19.

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

- One in Arctic Bay
- 18 in Arviat,
- 12 in Baker Lake,
- 15 in Cambridge Bay,
- Zero in Chesterfield Inlet,
- Nine in Coral Harbour,
- 39 in Igloolik
- 113 in Iqaluit,
- Zero in Gjoa Haven,
- Zero Kimmirut
- 13 in Kinngait,
- 15 in Kugaaruk,
- Zero Kugluktuk
- Two in Nauyasat,
- Nine in Pangnirtung,
- Zero in Pond Inlet,
- Zero in Qikiqtarjuaq,
- 45 in Rankin Inlet,
- 11 Resolute Bay
- 13 in Sanirajak,
- 12 in Sanikiluaq,
- 25 in Taloyoak, and
- Zero in Whale Cove.

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>



We have 154 reported recoveries today. There have been 1,237 total reported recoveries in this outbreak.

As of February 10, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation started distributing Rapid Access Tests to critical business services in Iqaluit. Distribution of Rapid Access Tests for critical business workers in all other Nunavut communities started over the weekend and continues this week.

The critical business services that will be receiving the Rapid Access Tests include:

- Taxis.
- Food retail workers.
- Emergency home repair service workers.
- Meat and fish processing facility workers.
- Cargo operators.
- Airport maintainers.

In the coming weeks as we receive more Rapid Access Tests from the Government of Canada, we will expand distribution to all businesses that want them.

I want to remind Nunavummiut of the available COVID-19 resource. If you develop symptoms such as a – runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever or difficulty breathing –call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601.

If you are isolating because of COVID-19, you can call 1-888-902-0872 or email isolationssupports@gov.nu.ca to access the Government of Nunavut isolation grocery hamper.

For those with travel related questions please call Government of Nunavut's toll-free travel line at 1-833-524-0735.

Once again please get vaccinated and get your booster shot. The best way to protect our children, Elders and vulnerable members of our community is through vaccination.

As always, continue to adhere to public health measures.

- Stay home when possible.
- Stick to your small bubble.
- Wear a mask.

Qujannamiik.

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 Justice Update:

Good morning. I would like to provide an update on our correctional healing facilities. Three facilities are impacted by COVID-19.

Aaqqiravik Correctional Healing Facility has eight active cases and 79 recoveries with clients and staff combined.

Rankin Inlet Healing Facility and Women's Correctional Center staff have been impacted with two active and two recoveries so far.

I'd like to take this opportunity to call for anyone with correctional training that there are openings in our facilities and encourage that you phone 867-979-8120 if your interested in working for us.

Thank you.

Chief Public Health Officer Update:

Good morning,

After assessing the outbreak situation across the territory, we will be easing public health measures in many communities to allow for larger public gatherings and more visitors in homes. Restaurants and licensed businesses may open to reduced capacity. These changes will come into effect Feb 21.

On the same day, measures in Igloolik will ease, allowing for some visiting between houses.

Due to ongoing concerns with community transmission of COVID-19, measures in Arctic Bay, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Coral Harbour, Sanikiluaq, Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, Resolute, Taloyoak will remain at current levels.

Full details on the current restrictions will be available on the GN website at www.gov.nu.ca.

We have also made changes to the way we are conducting contact tracing in an effort to more effectively use health resources.

Depending on the status of COVID-19 in a community, individuals with diagnosed COVID-19 will, in many instances, be asked to notify their own high-risk contacts; and

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](#)

only contacts who develop symptoms will be advised to call the hotline for further assessment or testing.

High-risk contacts are people you have had close contact with two days before you tested positive or started feeling unwell, whichever came first.

Examples of high-risk contacts include:

- Anyone who you have been closer than two metres with for more than 15 minutes without a mask.
- Anyone who lives with you or has visited or slept at your house in the two days before you felt unwell or had a positive test.
- Anyone you work closely with.
- Anyone you have shared a vehicle with when one or both of you were not wearing a mask.

If you are identified as a high-risk contact, please isolate for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status. If you do develop symptoms, call the hotline for further direction.

Finally, as of this week, all Nunavummiut over the age of 5 have access to at least 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. This means the vaccine is available to nearly 90% of our population. I urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. The vaccine is our best defence against severe COVID-19 infection.

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](#)

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: February 15, 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	Total persons vaccinated with three doses in Nunavut
32,416	2263	352	1906	5	32,860	27,289	13,182

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 community case statistics: February 15, 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
Arctic Bay	Ongoing	February 12, 2022	1	1	0	0	0	1
Resolute Bay	Ongoing	February 8, 2022	15	15	0	4	4	11
Kugluktuk	Ongoing	January 23, 2022	18	18	0	18	2	0
Kimmirut	Ongoing	January 22, 2022	1	1	0	1	0	0
Naujaat	Ongoing	January 15, 2022	18	18	0	16	0	2
Kugaaruk	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	18	20	2	5	3	15
Gjoa Haven	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	5	5	0	5	0	0
Taloyoak	Ongoing	January 11, 2022	77	78	1	53	19	25
Coral Harbour	Ongoing	January 9, 2022	56	56	0	47	4	9
Whale Cove	Ongoing	January 7, 2022	20	20	0	19	0	0
Sanikiluaq	Ongoing	January 4, 2022	54	54	0	42	0	12
Kinngait	Ongoing	January 2, 2022	85	85	0	72	2	13
Pond Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	19	19	0	19	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	Ongoing	January 1, 2022	7	7	0	7	0	0
Cambridge Bay	Ongoing	December 30, 2021	123	123	0	108	9	15
Igloolik	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	167	170	3	131	6	39
Baker Lake	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	104	104	0	92	11	12
Arviat	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	134	134	0	116	0	18
Sanirajak	Ongoing	December 29, 2021	42	42	0	29	3	13
Qikiqtarjuaq	Ongoing	December 28, 2021	13	13	0	13	3	0
Rankin Inlet	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	158	160	2	115	10	45
Pangnirtung	Ongoing	December 23, 2021	45	45	0	36	2	9
Iqaluit	Ongoing	November 4, 2021	381	402	21	289	76	113
Total			1561	1590	29	1237	154	352

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

*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: February 15, 2022

Vaccine uptake Meditech numbers as of February 15, 2022

	Vaccines administered - 5 to 11 (inclusive)				Vaccines administered - 12 to 17 (inclusive)				Vaccines administered - 18 and over				Total vaccines administered 5+				Booster 12+	
	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Done 1st dose	%	Done 2nd dose	%	Booster 12+	%
Nunavut	3,792	63%	1,409	24%	3,905	91%	3,363	78%	25,160	101%	22,531	91%	32,857	93%	27,211	77%	13,168	45%
Qikiqtaaluk Region	1,990	64%	729	23%	1,902	88%	1,658	77%	13,416	100%	11,951	89%	17,308	93%	14,246	76%	7,102	46%
Arctic Bay	123	72%	28	16%	106	98%	96	89%	511	96%	446	84%	740	91%	570	70%	292	46%
Clyde River	138	67%	0	0%	120	76%	106	68%	596	87%	561	82%	854	81%	667	63%	350	41%
Grise Fiord	9	75%	4	33%	11	46%	7	29%	95	99%	93	97%	115	87%	104	79%	76	63%
Igloolik	198	53%	26	7%	209	80%	157	60%	946	86%	806	74%	1,353	78%	989	57%	327	24%
Iqaluit	619	68%	387	43%	631	96%	564	86%	6,950	115%	6,267	104%	8,200	108%	7,218	95%	3,913	58%
Kimmiut	57	79%	9	13%	61	124%	57	116%	268	101%	248	94%	386	100%	314	81%	215	68%
Kinngait	119	47%	33	13%	137	77%	120	68%	722	78%	628	68%	978	72%	781	58%	301	27%
Pangnirtung	190	66%	2	1%	176	106%	145	87%	853	85%	730	72%	1,219	83%	874	60%	500	43%
Pond Inlet	227	64%	134	38%	207	100%	187	90%	880	85%	781	76%	1,314	82%	1,102	69%	430	35%
Qikiqtaalujuaq	53	62%	14	16%	39	57%	32	46%	338	80%	294	70%	430	75%	340	59%	168	34%
Resolute Bay	23	85%	12	44%	15	52%	15	52%	225	165%	166	122%	263	137%	193	101%	73	44%
Sanikiluaq	104	56%	8	4%	94	72%	84	64%	504	88%	458	80%	702	79%	550	62%	214	30%
Sanirajak	130	76%	72	42%	96	79%	88	73%	528	97%	473	87%	754	90%	544	65%	243	36%
Kivalliq Region	1,203	67%	483	27%	1,223	92%	1,040	79%	6,606	94%	6,004	86%	9,032	89%	7,527	74%	3,297	40%
Arviat	363	74%	133	27%	356	94%	303	80%	1,638	97%	1,481	87%	2,357	92%	1,917	75%	754	36%
Baker Lake	256	79%	154	48%	212	89%	183	77%	1,291	88%	1,161	79%	1,759	86%	1,498	74%	641	37%
Chesterfield Inlet	57	90%	0	0%	36	67%	33	61%	257	90%	242	84%	350	87%	275	68%	183	54%
Coral Harbour	40	24%	0	0%	91	77%	74	63%	494	89%	439	79%	625	74%	513	61%	199	30%
Nauyasat	113	42%	1	0%	169	97%	146	84%	642	99%	587	91%	924	84%	734	67%	278	34%
Rankin Inlet	316	82%	185	48%	302	104%	248	85%	2,025	97%	1,861	89%	2,643	96%	2,294	83%	1,119	47%
Whale Cove	58	64%	10	11%	57	81%	53	76%	259	97%	233	88%	374	88%	296	69%	123	37%
Kitikmeot Region	590	56%	188	18%	698	84%	583	70%	4,162	92%	3,600	80%	5,460	85%	4,371	68%	2,057	39%
Cambridge Bay	125	57%	50	23%	168	88%	144	75%	1,344	99%	1,196	88%	1,637	93%	1,390	79%	784	51%
Gjoa Haven	97	45%	3	1%	134	78%	111	65%	797	95%	656	78%	1,028	84%	770	63%	278	28%
Kugaaruk	94	45%	29	14%	103	62%	78	47%	546	84%	454	70%	743	73%	561	55%	203	25%
Kugluktuk	153	70%	89	41%	152	93%	138	84%	894	89%	800	80%	1,199	87%	1,027	74%	473	41%
Taloyoak	121	61%	17	9%	141	104%	112	83%	581	87%	494	74%	843	84%	623	62%	319	40%
Multiple Communities*	9		9		82		82		976		976		1,067		1,067		712	

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

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

Details/Limitations:

This information shows the number of doses given in a community as of **February 15, 2022**. 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.

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 maybe 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.

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](#)

Isolation population

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of Feb-14
Medical	73
Public	1
EMTI	2
Construction	0
Total	76

Traveller repatriation summary

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
Feb-15	8
Feb-16	3
Feb-17	7
Feb-18	0
Feb-19	3
Total	22

Department of Education Services

New developments in your programs/services:

K-12 Schools

Based on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), on Monday, February 21, 2022, Baker Lake, Igloodik, and Kinngait schools will open to 100% capacity.

- Baker Lake, Igloodik, and Kinngait schools will adhere to all health and safety precautions following department guidelines.
- Students and staff are reminded to wear masks at school and on the bus.

Early Learning and Child Care

Based on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), on Monday, February 21, 2022, Igloodik child care facilities may open to all children.

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

Ongoing services:

K-12 Schools

Based on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), on Monday, February 21, 2022, Baker Lake, Igloolik, and Kinngait schools will open to 100% capacity.

- Baker Lake, Igloolik, and Kinngait schools will adhere to all health and safety precautions following department guidelines.
- Students and staff are reminded to wear masks at school and on the bus.

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

- Schools in Cambridge Bay 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.

FANS

The FANS office continues to process payments for students who have submitted their FANS Student Enrollment Form (SEF). Nunavut Arctic College (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 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. Students with questions about their FANS-eligible travel can contact fanstravel@gov.nu.ca for information. Students who experience flight changes during their travel should email fanstravel@gov.nu.ca during office hours or, if it is after hours, call the after-hours travel number at 1-867-857-6950.

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>



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



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

Adjusted services:

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. If you would like to speak to a FANS representative, please send an email to set up an appointment at fans@gov.nu.ca.

The best way to contact FANS is by email at fans@gov.nu.ca.

Closed/Cancelled/Suspended Services:

K-12 Schools

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

- Schools in Taloyoak are contacting students and parents regarding remote learning.

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.

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](#)