

COVID-19 GN Update

February 8, 2022

Premier's update:

Ullakkut,

As of this morning Nunavut has 366 positive cases of COVID-19.

We have active cases in 18 communities – the reported numbers are:

- 16 in Arviat,
- 18 in Baker Lake,
- 18 in Cambridge Bay,
- Two in Chesterfield Inlet,
- 11 in Coral Harbour,
- 38 in Igloolik
- 130 in Iqaluit,
- One in Gjoa Haven,
- Zero Kimmirut
- 12 in Kinngait,
- Zero in Kugaaruk,
- Six Kugluktuk
- Zero in Naujaat,
- Five in Pangnirtung,
- Six in Pond Inlet,
- Four in Qikiqtarjuaq,
- 34 in Rankin Inlet,
- Nine in Sanirajak,
- 15 in Sanikiluaq,
- 38 in Taloyoak, and
- Three in Whale Cove.

We also have four presumptive cases in Resolute Bay. We have 196 reported recoveries today. There have been 971 total reported recoveries in this outbreak.





Once again, 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 <u>isolationsupports@gov.nu.ca</u> 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.

We all know that the best way to protect ourselves, our Elders, our children and our community is through vaccination. Please get vaccinated, and get your booster shot.

As always, continue to adhere to public health measures.

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

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Minister of Health Update:

Good morning,

There are now 22 communities in the territory with active outbreaks. I want to reassure Nunavummiut that the Government of Nunavut and health staff are doing everything within our power to provide care and services in this stressful time.

We are working to get more support on the ground. Health continues its recruitment efforts to hire more nurses, the federal government has assisted with resources, including two nurses for Rankin Inlet.

The Red Cross has also provided assistance with six nurses to assist with COVID-19 response in Igloolik, Baker Lake and Taloyoak, the communities currently with the most COVID-19 cases outside of Igaluit.

We are working to increase staffing for the hotline to help reduce wait times and ensure timely access to testing.

I also want to assure the people of Cambridge Bay that Health is working hard to care for and protect the Elders at the Cambridge Bay Continuing Care Centre. Unfortunately, there are now 13 people, staff and clients, who have tested positive for the virus. Fortunately, all Elders at the centre are fully vaccinated and have their booster, which will reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalization. Staffing continues to be adequate at the centre.

Finally, I'd like to thank our incredible teams of staff working to vaccinate Nunavummiut. Since December 21, they have administered approximately 2,370 first doses and 2,000 Second doses of vaccine. Nunavut has also delivered a total of 12,520 booster doses to date.

A friendly reminder on vaccines – they are available to all eligible Nunavummiut and clinics for 5 to 11 second doses are rolling out. The vaccines are safe. The vaccine are effective. Please, If you are not vaccinated, please get the dose or doses that you need, as this is a vital step to reducing harm from COVID outbreaks.

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

COVID-19 case status: February 8, 2022

Total tests	Total confirmed cases	Total active cases	Total recovered cases	Deaths	Total persons vaccinated with at least one dose in Nunavut	persons vaccinated with two doses in	Total persons vaccinated with three doses in Nunavut
32,416	2011	366	1640	5	32,500	26,645	12,523



COVID-19 community case statistics: February 8, 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	18	18	0	12	4	6
Kimmirut	Ongoing	January 22, 2022	1	1	0	1	0	0
Naujaat	Ongoing	January 15, 2022	16	16	0	16	0	0
Kugaaruk	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	2	2	0	2	0	0
Gjoa Haven	Ongoing	January 14, 2022	5	5	0	4	0	1
Taloyoak	Ongoing	January 11, 2022	57	58	1	20	9	38
Coral Harbour	Ongoing	January 9, 2022	52	53	1	42	17	11
Whale Cove	Ongoing	January 7, 2022	20	20	0	16	2	3
Sanikiluaq	Ongoing	January 4, 2022 January 2,	54	54	0	39	8	15
Kinngait	Ongoing	2022 January 1,	77	78	1	66	8	12
Pond Inlet Chesterfield	Ongoing	2022 January 1,	18	19	1	13	8	6
Inlet Cambridge	Ongoing	2022 December 30,	7	7	0	5	0	2
Bay	Ongoing	2021 December 29,	108	108	0	90	22	18
Igloolik	Ongoing	2021 December 29,	149	149	0	111	52	38
Baker Lake	Ongoing	2021 December 29,	96	97	1	79	28	18
Arviat	Ongoing	2021 December 29,	128	128	0	112	3	16
Sanirajak	Ongoing	2021 December 28,	33	33	0	24	3	9
Qikiqtarjuaq	Ongoing	2021 December 23,	13	13	0	9	1	4
Rankin Inlet	Ongoing	2021 December 23,	128	128	0	94	6	34
Pangnirtung	Ongoing	2021 November 4,	36	36	0	31	5	5
Iqaluit	Ongoing	2021	298	315	17	185	20	130
Total			1316	1338	22	971	196	366

For the latest COVID-19 information and GN Departments updates in all languages: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus; <a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-covid-





- *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 8, 2022

	Vaccine uptake Meditech numbers as of February 8, 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	%	Booster 12+	%
Nunavut	3,567	60%	941	16%	3,868	90%	3,304	77%	25,062	101%	22,374	90%	32,497	92%	26,616	76%	12,780	44%
Qikiqtaaluk Region	1,880	60%	563	18%	1,889	88%	1,639	76%	13,375	100%	11,893	89%	17,144	92%	14,092	76%	7,108	46%
Arctic Bay	110	64%	0	0%	104	96%	95	88%	508	96%	445	84%	722	89%	540	67%	268	42%
Clyde River	138	67%	0	0%	120	76%	106	68%	596	87%	561	82%	854	81%	667	63%	350	41%
Grise Fiord	6	50%	0	0%	11	46%	7	29%	95	99%	93	97%	112	85%	100	76%	76	63%
lgloolik	192	51%	0	0%	205	79%	154	59%	945	86%	801	73%	1,342	78%	955	55%	313	23%
lqaluit	607	67%	378	42%	625	96%	558	85%	6,938	115%	6,250	103%	8,170	107%	7,186	94%	3,804	57%
Kimmirut	57	79%	0	0%	61	124%	57	116%	269	102%	247	93%	387	100%	304	79%	199	63%
Kinngait	113	44%	31	12%	137	77%	120	68%	721	78%	623	67%	971	72%	774	57%	293	27%
Pangnirtung	157	54%	2	1%	176	106%	145	87%	843	84%	726	72%	1,176	80%	874	60%	468	40%
Pond Inlet	223	63%	121	34%	207	100%	184	88%	878	85%	777	75%	1,308	82%	1,082	68%	414	33%
Qikiqtarjuaq	49	57%	11	13%	39	57%	31	45%	336	80%	293	70%	424	74%	335	58%	162	33%
Resolute Bay	23	85%	12	44%	15	52%	15	52%	221	163%	160	118%	259	135%	187	97%	73	44%
Sanikiluaq	93	50%	6	3%	94	72%	83	63%	504	88%	455	79%	691	78%	544	61%	457	65%
Sanirajak	112	66%	2	1%	95	79%	84	69%	521	96%	462	85%	728	87%	544	65%	231	35%
Kivalliq Region	1,106	62%	248	14%	1,215	92%	1,020	77%	6,591	94%	5,953	85%	8,912	88%	7,221	71%	3,117	37%
Arviat	351	71%	115	23%	356	94%	303	80%	1,637	97%	1,478	87%	2,344	91%	1,896	74%	721	35%
Baker Lake	242	75%	123	38%	208	87%	179	75%	1,283	87%	1,148	78%	1,733	85%	1,450	71%	598	35%
Chesterfield Inlet	57	90%	0	0%	36	67%	33	61%	257	90%	240	84%	350	87%	273	68%	182	53%
Coral Harbour	40	24%	0	0%	91	77%	74	63%	494	89%	436	79%	625	74%	510	61%	188	28%
Naujaat	113	42%	0	0%	170	98%	147	84%	639	99%	569	88%	922	84%	716	65%	262	32%
Rankin Inlet	245	64%	0	0%	297	102%	231	79%	2,022	97%	1,849	89%	2,564	93%	2,080	75%	1,043	44%
Whale Cove	58	64%	10	11%	57	81%	53	76%	259	97%	233	88%	374	88%	296	69%	123	37%
Kitikmeot Region	574	54%	123	12%	691	83%	572	69%	4,134	92%	3,566	79%	5,399	84%	4,261	67%	1,873	35%
Cambridge Bay	110	50%	3	1%	165	86%	138	72%	1,336	99%	1,193	88%	1,611	91%	1,334	76%	696	45%
Gjoa Haven	97	45%	3	1%	130	76%	108	63%	796	95%	642	77%	1,023	84%	753	62%	249	25%
Kugaaruk	94	45%	29	14%	101	61%	75	45%	543	84%	449	69%	738	72%	553	54%	200	25%
Kugluktuk	152	70%	88	40%	153	93%	139	85%	879	88%	789	79%	1,184	86%	1,016	74%	425	37%
Taloyoak	121	61%	0	0%	142	105%	112	83%	580	87%	493	74%	843	84%	605	60%	303	38%
Multiple Communities*	7		7		73		73		962		962		1,042		1,042		682	

*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 **February 8**, **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 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.



Isolation population

Traveller Type	Guests in Isolation as of Feb-7
Medical	31
Public	1
EMTI	0
Construction	0
Total	32

Traveller repatriation summary

Departure Date	# of Travellers from Isolation Sites
Feb-8	2
Feb-9	3
Feb-10	9
Feb-11	0
Feb-12	2
Total	18

Department of Education Services

Based on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO), on Monday, February 7, 2022, Arviat and Rankin Inlet schools opened to 100% capacity.

- Arviat and Rankin Inlet 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.

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Ongoing services:

K-12 Schools

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With the exception of Igloolik and 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 Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, 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.

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.

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. 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 Igloolik and Taloyoak are closed to students and staff.

 Schools in Igloolik and 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.



