

MEETING AOC 92-19-20

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2020 COMMITTEE ROOM "A" 7:00 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- 4. Public Matters
 - a) COVID-19 Update Briefing with the Hon. Caroline Cochrane, Premier
 - i. Correspondence dated 20-11-30
 - ii. Presentation
 - iii. Correspondence dated 20-11-23
- 5. In-Camera Matters
 - a) Follow-up Discussion
 - b) Correspondence from the Hon. Caroline Cochrane, Premier re: Intergovernmental Council, 20-11-29
- 6. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday December 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- 7. Adjournment



NWT COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE UPDATES

Dr. Kami Kandola – December 1, 2020



Objective of Public Health Order

• To balance the public health risk of COVID-19 transmission with the least intrusive measures to ensure the health of NWT residents.

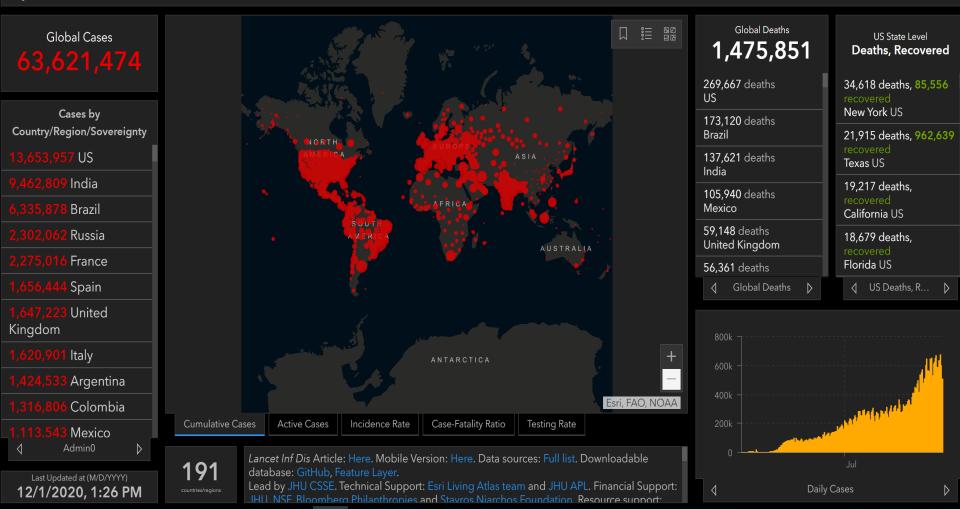


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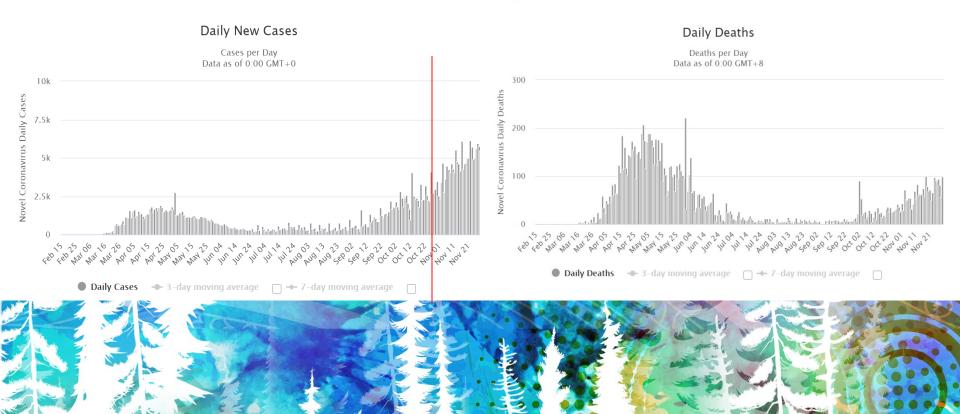
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Canada COVID-19

Daily New Cases in Canada

Daily New Deaths in Canada



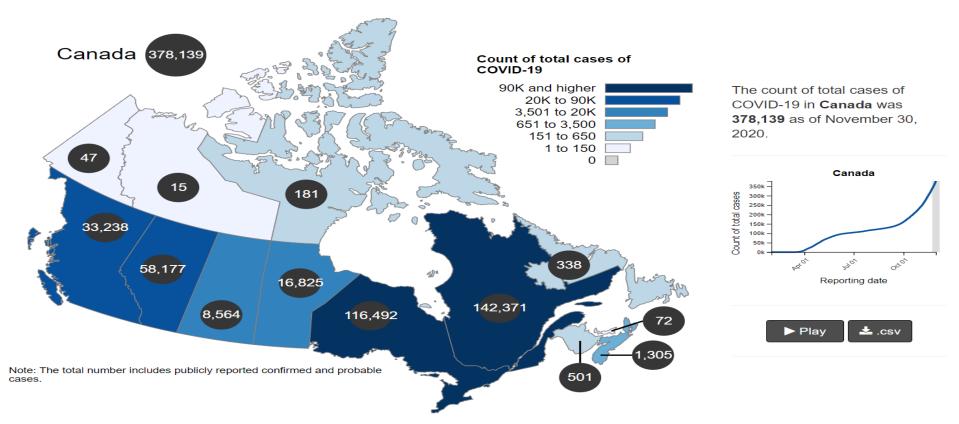
Current situation

Count \checkmark of total cases \checkmark of COVID-19 in Cana

of COVID-19 in Canada as of November 30, 2020

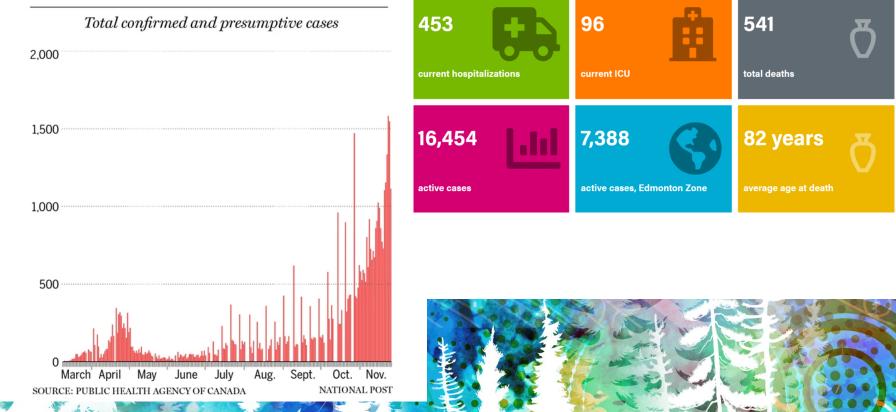
Last data update 2020-11-30 19:01 EST

1 Hover over provinces and territories to see total cases, active cases, recovered cases, number of people tested or deaths in Canada over time. Click the play button to animate the map.



Alberta COVID-19

COVID-19 IN ALBERTA



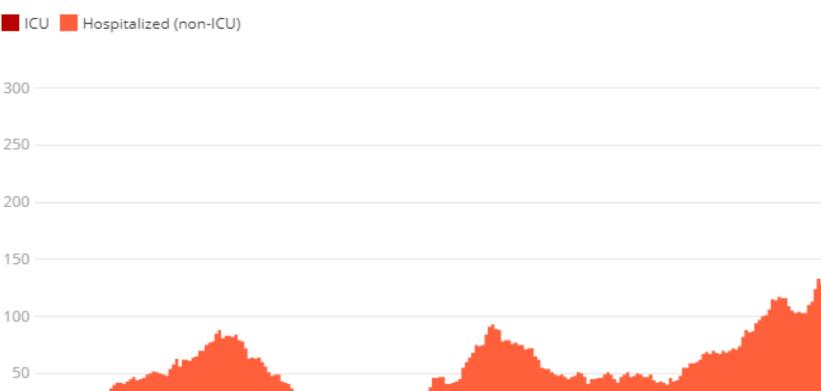
COVID-19 patients in Alberta hospitals

Apr

May

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The number of people in hospital and in intensive-care units, by day.



Jul

Sep

Aug

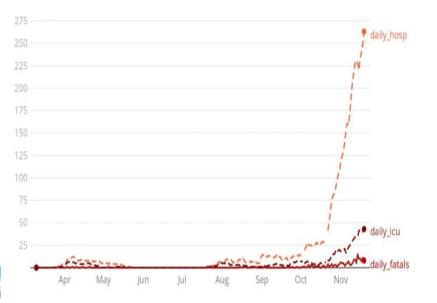
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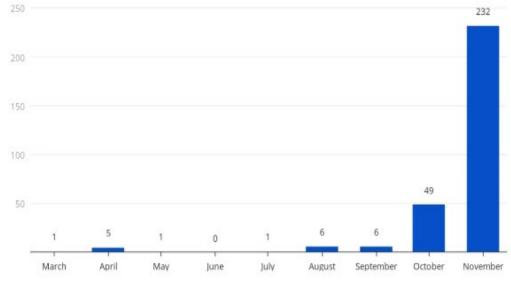
Manitoba COVID-19

Daily COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations, ICU numbers

CBC NEWS



Monthly COVID-19 deaths in Manitoba



Source: Manitoba government



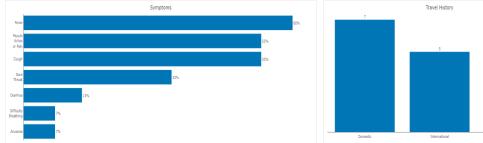
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Updates in NWT







Confirmed Cases 🗄	Recovered Cases ‡	Deaths $\frac{1}{2}$	Recovery Rate +	Death Rate 🗄
3	3	0	100%	0%
5	5	0	100%	0%
7	7	0	100%	0%
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None

Nunavut Bubble Suspended

- Outbreak in Kivalliq Region of Nunavut
- As of November 17, 2020 all travellers arriving in the NWT must self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival
- Travel bubbles in Yukon and Atlantic also suspended



Cases in Nunavut

NU COVID-19 Case Statistics

Dec. 1/20

Community	Confirmed COVID-19 cases (yesterday)	Confirmed COVID-19 cases (today)	Change in case count +/- from previous day	Total recovered	Total active cases
Arviat	139	140	1	64	76
Whale Cove	21	21	0	12	9
Rankin Inlet	19	19	0	11	8
Sanikiluaq	2	2	0	2	0
Total	181	182	1	89	93



Self-Isolation Requirements for Household

- Anyone sharing accommodations with a person required to self-isolate must also isolate
- Essential Workers may seek Permission to Work



Updated Symptoms

- Three new symptoms have been added to the list of COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Abdominal pain
 - Skin changes or rashes
 - Chills



Holiday Guidance

- Non-essential travel is not recommended
- All household members must self-isolate



Questions?

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Isolation Centre Payment Policy

COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat presentation to Northwest Territories Association of Communities

November 30, 2020



Government of Northwest Territories

Isolation Centres

Considerable cost to the GNWT (Mar 18 2020 – Nov 14 2020)

Community	Total Persons	Cost Estimate
Hay River	568	\$2.3 Million
Fort Smith	107	\$0.4 Million
Yellowknife	2,457	\$9.8 Million
Inuvik	589	\$2.4 Million
TOTAL	3721	\$14.9 Million



Review and Public Engagement

Date	Session	Coordinator
October 28, 2020	Communities	NWTAC
October 29, 2020	Businesses	BAC
October 30, 2020	Communities	NWTAC
November 2 <i>,</i> 2020	Indigenous Governments	COVID Secretariat
November 3, 2020	Indigenous Governments	COVID Secretariat

New Payment Policy

- Takes effect January 5, 2021
- Goal:
 - To balance safety of NWT residents while offering support using a fiscally sustainable approach
- Summary:
 - GNWT pays for non-discretionary uses of Isolation Centres only



Overview of Non-Discretionary Use

Self-Isolation requiring an Isolation Centre resulting from:

- Medical Travel requiring use of an isolation by residents
- Medically-Advised Self-Isolation
- Compassionate Travel by residents
- Unique circumstances

Medical Travel

The GNWT will pay for use of an isolation centre by an NWT resident resulting from medical travel, based on a referral by an NWT Health Practitioner to access medically necessary health services.





Medically Advised Self-Isolation

Non-travel related self-isolation advised or directed by a medical professional or public health official when the individual can't safely isolate at home.

- Awaiting COVID test
- Contact with a confirmed individual

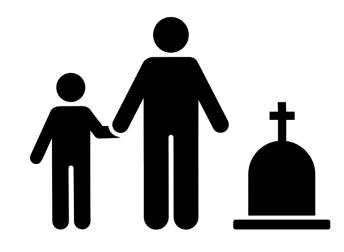
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Compassionate Travel

Residents who must travel out-ofterritory for compassionate reasons.

• Serious illness or death in the family

Family: parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, foster child, sibling, spouse, commonlaw, in-laws, any relative permanently living with the individual





Unique Circumstances

Unforeseen, exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis, where use of an isolation centre is required.



Summary

Type of Self-Isolation	Example	Who Pays?
Personal/leisure travel of resident	Visiting family, vacation, shopping	Traveller
New employment	New resident travelling to NWT for employment	Traveller/Employer
Medical Travel	Travel to Edmonton for medically necessary health services	GNWT
Medically Advised Self- Isolation	Resident awaiting test result without possibility for safe isolation at home	GNWT
Compassionate Travel	Resident returning from funeral of family member	GNWT

What's Next

- Public communication on the Policy change
- Finalize internal processes and additional public communications/guidance
- Develop options to support NWT students returning at end of school year
- Policy comes into effect on January 5, 2021