



COVID-19 INFORMATION

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PROTECT NWT

ENFORCEMENT - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

To help limit the spreading of COVID-19, the following public health orders have been put in place:

- No indoor gatherings;
- Outdoor gatherings must not be more than 10 people and everyone needs to remain 2 meters apart;
- Certain businesses must close;
- Mining, oil and gas industries have to follow new measures to continue safe operations; and
- Anyone traveling into the NWT must self-isolate and stay home **14 days** in **Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River or Fort Smith**. Residents are not allowed to travel to their home community without first isolating in these centres.

Who enforces public health orders?

Experienced officers from across government have been brought in as new Public Health Officers. They will be in all regions of the NWT to make sure the COVID-19 rules are being followed. The RCMP or Bylaw officers may be asked to help.

What is their role in communities?

The Officers are there to share COVID-19 information and help members of the community understand the rules. They are meant to keep everyone safe and healthy, and will not hand out tickets unless people are breaking the rules.

What can a Public Health Officer do?

If the rules are ignored, they can:

- Give warnings and information on the rules;
- Give a ticket for as much as \$1500;
- Give a court summons where if found guilty, a Judge may fine up to \$10,000; and
- In extreme cases, they may detain you if there is a big risk to public health.

What happens if something is reported?

Here's how it works – step-by-step.

1. A complaint is received.
2. Public Health officials look at the what the danger of catching COVID-19 would be.
3. Public Health Officers are given the information to investigate what happened in the community.
4. The person or company who had a complaint against them, will be notified and questioned.
5. The Officer will most often give a information or a warning.
6. If a ticket is given, just like any traffic ticket, you can either pay the fine, or dispute it in court.
7. If you are summoned to court or arrested, you are innocent until proven guilty by a judge.

Got credible, specific information about someone not following the rules?

Email protectnwt@gov.nt.ca

Call 8-1-1. Protect NWT staff are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information, please visit www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19