

April 24, 2020



**MY COMMUNITY
MATTERS**

NWTAC E-News Flash

"Working together to achieve all that our communities want to be"

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NWTAC -COVID 19- ISSUE 3



We mourn in solidarity with the people of Nova Scotia at this tragic time. As your communities cope with so much loss, please know that you have friends and family mourning with you across Canada.

Wishing you peace in comfort, we grieve with you, we stand with you and we assure you that you will rise again.



April 23, 2020

**Hon. Caroline Cochrane Premier
Dr. Kami Kandola
Chief Public Health Officer**

Government of the Northwest Territories
PO Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

RE: Thank you for your responsiveness

Dear Premier Cochrane & Dr. Kandola;

As we were reviewing the agendas and minutes from our meetings between the GNWT and our Mayors & Chiefs, what has become apparent is just how receptive you have been to our concerns. We would be remiss in not taking the time to extend our gratitude to the GNWT for this responsiveness.

We know that Dr. Kandola, Cabinet and Senior Staff are making quick but informed decisions on altering the path the illness takes in the NWT and we sincerely appreciate that many of your actions or perhaps their timing have been in response to what you heard from our Mayors and Chiefs on our weekly calls and the advocacy from our Board.

We have appreciated the opportunity to not only express our challenges and concerns but to know that they were heard and actioned.

The roll out of Covid-19 preparedness in the NWT has been swift and many people should be commended. The Health system, emergency management systems and many more are collaborating and for that you should be lauded. We know that many of you are working long hours as we get email replies and return calls late at night, early in the morning and on weekends.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in this collaborative model. There are still many unknowns, but there is confidence in facing this pandemic together here, rather than any other place on the earth.

We don't get rid of Public Health Orders because we have 0 active cases. We have 0 active cases because of the Public Health Orders.

Sincerely,

**Lynn Napier
President
NWT Association of Communities
c.c. NWTAC Board of Directors
NWTAC Members**

**NWT Association of Communities
endorses FCM's call for Federal support**

The NWT Association of Communities is adding its voice in support of a submission by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) indicating the need for a minimum of \$10 billion in emergency operating funding to be provided through a direct federal allocation to local governments.

Community governments across the Territory are facing financial pressure due to a significant loss of revenues following on the implementation of COVID - 19 public health orders, along with



additional costs

NWTAC endorses FMC's call for Federal support

FCM's request for Federal emergency operating funds

STAYING SAFE BY STAYING AT HOME



Let your friends and family know how you want to communicate while you are staying safely in your home

[Click here for a copy for your door or window](#)

NEW - COVID 19 TOOLKIT

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Resources

The NWTAC has created a new toolkit filled with resources to help our communities deal with the Coronavirus.

Go to the link below to get updated information from the Federal and Territorial governments as well as educational resources to keep your community healthy.



[Link to Coronavirus Toolkit](#)

CULTURAL RESOURCE MATERIALS

Hotii ts'eeda, in partnership with FOXY (Fostering Open Expression in Children and Youth), has developed culturally safe resource materials that present federal and territorial government advice on pandemic safety measures through a cultural lens. All are available for download at this site: www.covidresourcesnwt.info. Please feel free to post and distribute these in communities and through your networks.

- New **COVID-19 Basics** infographics have developed in English and are currently available for download. <https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/infographics-covid-19-basics>

These resources will be translated into all NWT Indigenous languages and mailed to community organizations across the NWT. This site will be updated with translated infographics they become available.

- **Safe on the Land** posters in all NWT Indigenous languages are available for download and printing:
<https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/posters-safe-on-the-land>

- **Home is our Camp** posters in all NWT Indigenous languages are available for download and printing:
<https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/home>

Hotìì ts'eeda is the NWT SPOR SUPPORT Unit, hosted by the Tłı̨chǫ Government and funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

WINTER FUEL RESUPPLY



Government of
Northwest Territories

The GNWT reported that all winter fuel resupply was completed on April 9, 2020.

[Link to GNWT announcement](#)

SERVICES FOR LONG HAUL TRUCKERS



Government of
Northwest Territories

The Office of the chief public health officer has issued a letter of clarification for services for long haul truckers while supporting NWT supply chains.

[Letter of Clarification](#)

WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR PROGRAM

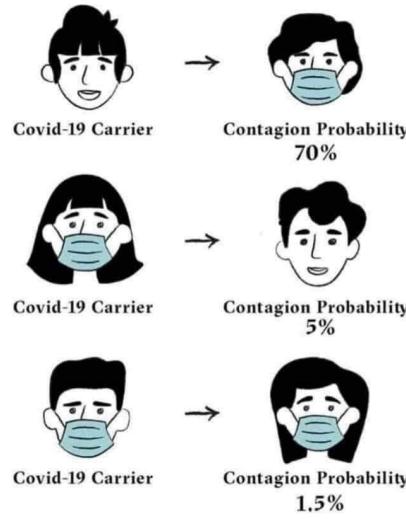
Water and Wastewater Operator Courses are
Online at Yukon College



To ensure that safe, reliable water service and wastewater operations continue, Yukon College is pleased to confirm that critical operator training courses will continue to be available online through the Yukon Water and Wastewater Operator Program (YWWOP).

[Link to Yukon Water and Wastewater](#)

MORE WAYS to STAY SAFE



WEAR IT

**Get out on
the land.**

Enjoy time at your
cabin or winter camp.

And keep healthy at the same time!



Government of
Northwest Territories

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



United Way
NWT

Change starts here.

Support for Vulnerable Elders and Seniors
in the NWT

DUE APRIL 30, 2020

As a quick response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Way NWT is distributing \$75,000 to Elders and seniors most at risk in the NWT in partnership with Employment & Social Development Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. The program focus is on vulnerable Elders and seniors (55+) impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including low-income individuals, Indigenous Elders, members of a minority group, and/or those living in remote settings, as well as their caregivers.

[**Link to Vulnerable Elders and Seniors Application**](#)



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NWT

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Support for Vulnerable NWT Residents

DUE MAY 15, 2020

The United Way NWT, in partnership with the Yellowknife Community Foundation, is distributing up to \$100,000 to help address urgent and immediate needs in communities across the Northwest Territories.

[**Link to Application for funding for Vulnerable NWT Residents**](#)

CanNor - Northern Business Relief Fund

New Northern Business Relief Fund (NBRF) provides short term support for ongoing fixed costs for small and medium sized businesses located in the territories that have been impacted by economic disruptions due to COVID-19.

[Link to Northern Business Relief Fund](#)



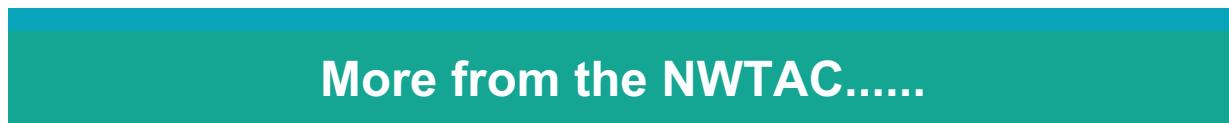
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Canada Council for the Arts partners with CBC/Radio-Canada on a new digital initiative, Digital Originals

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[Link to announcement](#)



**Supportive
Member
of the Month**



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**School of Community
Government
Calendar October 2019
Schedule**

[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

Check out our New Website!

