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## NWTAC E-News Flash

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## NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

## NWTAC VIRTUAL SESSIONS



### NWTAC INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Replacing our very popular Interactive Sessions at our AGM, we are pleased to present our Virtual Interactive

Sessions.

Going virtual has allowed us to do a deeper dive into a diverse set of issues that are important to community governments.

**POSTPONED:** We have postponed our climate change & Aurora College Transformation interactive sessions due to the flooding and break-up challenges several communities are facing. We wish those communities all the best during this difficult time.

Now more than ever we need to get together and share information about how to adapt to climate change and become more resilient. We hope you will join us at our updated times for an engaging and interactive discussion.

**New date for climate change interactive session:  
Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon**

**&**

**New date for the Aurora College Transformation interactive session:  
Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to noon**

## **INCOME ASSISTANCE ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS IN FLOOD ZONES**

### **DEHCHO REGION RESIDENTS**

If you are affected by flooding and are currently receiving Income Assistance or are experiencing financial difficulties you can contact an ECE Client Services Officer:



Residents of Fort Providence, Fort Simpson or Jean Marie River: Call the Fort Providence CSO: 867-699-4431

Residents of Fort Liar, Nahanni Butte, Sambaa k'e and Wrigley: Call the Fort Liard CSO: 867-770-4104 - extension 121

## **FUNDING**



Government of  
Northwest Territories    Gouvernement des  
Territoires du Nord-Ouest

### **MEN'S HEALING FUND**

As part of its commitment to promoting prevention initiatives, the Government of the Northwest Territories – Community Justice and Policing - is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for

the 2021-2022 Men's Healing Fund. The annual funding is \$292,000 with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$40,000 per organization per program.

The objectives of the Men's Healing Fund include:

- Supporting the vision of community-based organizations in the Northwest Territories;
- Creating space for men to self-define renewed vision of themselves, and how they want to get there;
- Connecting participants to services designed to support them;

- Increasing community cohesiveness while inspiring men to take on leadership roles;

- Increasing self-efficacy and capacity in participants by focusing on holistic wellbeing of men, taking into account their social, spiritual and emotional needs;

Applications will be accepted on a continual basis throughout 2021-2022 until all the Men's Healing Fund is dispersed.

Please share this email to any organizations in the NWT you think may be interested in applying for this fund.

Application packages can be submitted via email to [tanya\\_ashley@gov.nt.ca](mailto:tanya_ashley@gov.nt.ca). To access the Expression of Interest, application form, or selection process and scoring document, or for the contact information for the Men's Healing Fund lead, please click the link below:

[Men's Healing Fund application package](#)

## ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

ARCTIC  
INSPIRATION PRIZE



PRIX INSPIRATION  
ARCTIQUE

The 2021 Arctic Inspiration Prize Call for Nominations is open! This year marks the 10th anniversary of the AIP.

In 2021, up to 10 teams can win prize money in one of three prize categories to launch initiatives that bring about the changes they want to see in their communities.

**This year's nomination deadline is October 13, 2021 at 11:59pm PT.**

[Nomination Guidelines](#)

## PARTICIPACTION CHALLENGE



### WHO WILL BE CANADA'S MOST ACTIVE MUNICIPALITY?

This June, we are encouraging your municipality to participate in the [ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge](#). From **June 1 – 30**, you can actively support your municipality's quest to be Canada's Most Active Community and **win \$100,000** for local physical activity initiatives.



Encourage your residents to [download the \(FREE\) ParticipACTION app](#) and track their activity in June. Everyone is counted towards your municipality's score.

Click [here](#) for more information

## INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES AND EDUCATION SECRETARIAT



### MENTOR-APPRENTICE PROGRAMS (MAP)

MAP is a way of learning a language where a fluent speaker of the language (a Mentor) teaches a language learner (an Apprentice) through immersion. The goal of the program is to have Apprentices increase their ability to understand and speak their language. While reading and writing are important skills, an Apprentice must be able to understand and speak to become fluent. Spoken language is the focus of MAP learning.

As each Apprentice becomes more fluent, they can teach others the language, creating ripple effects in their community and supporting Indigenous Language Revitalization across the NWT. The Mentor and Apprentice must agree to spend a lot of time together, usually about 7-10 hours per week during the program. During their time together (immersion language sessions), they "live life in the language" by doing everyday activities using only their Indigenous language, with no English.

#### **2021-2022 Mentor-Apprentice Program (MAP)**

The 2021-2022 Mentor-Apprentice Program will be available to a maximum of 10 pairs of Mentors and Apprentices from six Indigenous Governments. The program is open to Apprentices of all levels, from beginners to more fluent speakers.

Training will be provided for six Indigenous languages:

- Inuvialuktun,
- Gwich'in,
- North Slavey (also known as Dene K'ede),
- Dene Zhatié,
- Tłıchǫ, and
- 
- Dëne Sųłíné

The Mentor and Apprentice pairs will build Indigenous language fluency over a period of up to 200 hours of immersion instruction and strategies. Both Mentors and Apprentices are paid for their time in the program upon submission of MAP progress reports. Mentors receive a starting compensation rate of \$25 per hour, and apprentices receive a starting rate of \$20 per hour.

[For more information click here](#)

## CORONAVIRUS 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.

### COVID-19 POSTERS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

The toolkit now contains fresh new posters and social media posts for you to use around your community and on your social media pages. Have a look!

[Link to Coronavirus Toolkit](#)

## ON THE LAND HEALING PROGRAMS

### ON THE LAND HEALING PROGRAMS IN NWT FEATURED IN PODCAST



The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is pleased to announce that On the Land Healing Programs are being featured as part of the Promising Practices Podcast.

The Promising Practices Podcast is an initiative of Canada's Premiers. It features innovative mental health programs and initiatives from across Canada. Episode 8 of the podcast series focuses on the Northwest Territories and discusses On the Land Healing Programs.



The podcast explores two On the Land Healing programs: Project Jewel, from Inuvialuit Regional Corporation's Health and Wellness Division, and Journey to my Best Self, hosted by Dehcho First Nations. Using a holistic approach that is focused on one's connection to land, culture and tradition, these programs can have a lasting impact on a person's journey to recover from substance use and mental health problems.

The podcast includes an introduction from Premier Cochrane, and she highlights the importance of partnerships with communities and Indigenous governments that help strengthen the NWT's overall approach to supporting mental wellness and addictions recovery.

You can listen to the podcast on the [Canada's Premiers](#) website, or on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#).

## CALL FOR CONCEPTS



### REACHING HOME COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND INNOVATION STREAM

The Government of Canada has launched a call for concepts for innovative projects under the Community Capacity and Innovation Stream of Reaching Home.

Employment and Social Development Canada is seeking concepts to test or develop innovative approaches that will help build capacity within the homeless-serving sector or prevent or reduce homelessness in Canada.

Project concepts must address at least one of the following three priorities:

- Testing or developing interventions for specific populations such as Indigenous people, youth, seniors, LGBTQ2, women fleeing violence, veterans, Black and racialized Canadians.
- Developing strategic partnerships that contribute to community collaboration, increase capacity building within the homelessness sector, or build connections between sectors or different orders of government.
- Developing effective practices or innovative techniques to measure the scope of homelessness or address data gaps related to homelessness, including hidden homelessness.

Priority consideration will be given to large-scale, multi-year projects, to projects serving Indigenous communities and to projects addressing homelessness in the Territories.

For more information visit the [call for concepts Web page](#). This page provides more information on eligibility and the steps to submit a concept

proposal.

**The deadline to submit a [concept application form](#) via email is June 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. PDT.**

Once the call for concepts has closed, a review panel will evaluate submissions and invite selected applicants to submit full proposals.

## NORTHERN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

### NORTHERN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMER PADDLE CAMP APPLICATIONS

After much consideration, NYL has decided to go forward with camp applications this year. We take the health of our communities very seriously and will monitor the situation with COVID-19 and follow all recommendations from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer.

If necessary we may cancel camps; however, we want to make sure that youth still have access to quality programming this summer.

### Northern Youth Leadership 2021 Summer Camps



#### North Arm Advanced Leadership Canoe Trip June 28 - July 9th 2021

Open to youth aged 14 - 16 from all NWT communities

#### Leadership Canoe Trip August 11 - 18th 2021

Open to youth aged 12 - 14 from all NWT communities

*Northern Youth Leadership covers the cost of return travel between the youth's home community and camp.  
There is no camp registration fee.*

To apply visit [www.northernyouth.ca/programs](http://www.northernyouth.ca/programs)

Deadline to apply: Sunday May 30, 2021



#### For more information

Call: 867-447-4557

Email: [coordinator@northernyouth.ca](mailto:coordinator@northernyouth.ca)

Visit: [www.northernyouth.ca](http://www.northernyouth.ca)



If you would like more information about NYL's programming or camp applications, please contact Emily Smith by phone or email.

Phone: (867) 447-4557

Email: [coordinator@northernyouth.ca](mailto:coordinator@northernyouth.ca)

**Registration for paddle camps is open until Sunday, May 30, 2021.**

[For more information and applications click here](#)

## ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT EXPO



**ARCTIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
VIRTUAL EXPO  
June 15-16, 2021**



The Arctic Development Expo welcomes all researchers, Indigenous leaders, circumpolar Governments, scientists, industry experts and passionate individuals to join us virtually for 2021.

The Arctic Development Expo typically takes place in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada as we strive to make knowledgeable decisions to enhance circumpolar life and create innovative solutions for our northern realities. We look to develop the Arctic through sustainable means and will do so by concentrating on the following four themes: Natural & Renewable Resources, Climate and Energy Innovations, Indigenous Leadership and Circumpolar Governance and Knowledge Economy.

[Click here to register](#)

# COVID-19

## WE GOT THIS!

# SCHOOL CLOSURE

## ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Wondering what some activities are that you can do from home during "school from home"?

### Activity ideas

- Karaoke party
- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Make tie-dye shirts with sharpies
- Let your kids dress you up and do your hair
- Play charades or board games
- Do a puzzle or make your own
- Get a head start on spring cleaning
- Teach your kids how to sew, knit or crochet
- Movie marathon
- Write letters (thank you's / love's you / how are you's)
- Teach kids how to do some home repairs
- Build an indoor fort
- Start your seedlings
- Yeah - yardwork!
- Perform an act of service for a neighbour - drop off a treat or meal
- 3 ingredient cooking challenge
- Learn a new word a day and use it all day

Film yourselves doing favorite things: singing, dancing, outdoor activities to send to family members you can't physically be with - challenge friends & family to do the same via sharing on social media

Use painting tape to draw a racetrack for kids' toys

Have a backwards day - breakfast for dinner, kids in charge not parents - oh wait, that already happens in my house!

Discuss what you'd do if you had a million dollars

Make homemade birthday cards for relatives for the whole year

Create your own science lab & search up kid-friendly science experiments online

Camp out in the living room - sleeping bags & everything

Go through clothing/toys & donate what isn't being used or worn

Make a vision board from old magazines

Have a spa day complete with pedicure, manicure & facial, even beard grooming for Dad!

Make an activity jar & fill it with your favorite social distanced activities on separate pieces of paper. Draw one out every day

## Understanding Reduced Self-isolation in the NWT

*In addition to being protected from getting COVID-19, fully vaccinated travellers and their household members benefit by being eligible for shorter isolation.*

Non-essential travel outside the NWT is still not recommended as there are significant numbers of COVID-19 infections across Canada.

	Fully Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
<b>Traveller(s)</b>	<b>Fully Vaccinated</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be tested on Day 8 of self-isolation period.</li> <li>If test is negative, no longer need to self-isolate, but must self-monitor for the remainder of the 14 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Traveller(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be tested on Day 8 of self-isolation period.</li> <li>If test is negative, no longer need to self-isolate, but must self-monitor for the remainder of the 14 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Household Member(s)</b>	<b>Fully Vaccinated</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not need to self-isolate.</li> </ul>	<b>Household Member(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must self-isolate with the traveller. If the traveller's Day 8 test is negative, both the traveller(s) and household member(s) no longer need to self-isolate, but must self-monitor for 14 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Traveller(s)</b>	<b>Unvaccinated</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must self-isolate and self-monitor for the full 14 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Traveller(s) and Household member(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must self-isolate and self-monitor for the full 14 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Traveller(s)/ Household Members</b>	<b>Both Vaccinated and Unvaccinated</b> If at any point either a household member or traveller develops symptoms, self-isolate immediately and contact Public Health. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>Symptoms include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever</li> <li>Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>Generally feeling unwell</li> <li>Abdominal pain</li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cough</li> <li>Muscle aches</li> <li>Fatigue or weakness</li> <li>Sore throat</li> <li>Conjunctivitis or runny nose</li> <li>Headache</li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>Loss of smell/taste</li> <li>Skin changes or rashes</li> <li>Loss of appetite</li> </ul> </div> </div>	

### Self-isolation Period

- Those who qualify for a Day 8 test must still adhere to a 14-day self-isolation plan to ProtectNWT.
- If you qualify for a Day 8 test your self-isolation requirements are shortened but you must continue to self-monitor and isolate symptoms closely to ProtectNWT for the full 14-day self-isolation period.
- This exemption is no longer valid if:
  - You develop COVID-19 symptoms
  - Are exposed to contact of someone with COVID-19
  - Have been made aware you were at the setting/location of COVID-19 outbreak

### Fully Vaccinated

- Fully vaccinated means two weeks after your final dose of vaccine.

### Unvaccinated

- Anyone who has not received a full dose of vaccine and/or it has not yet reached full effectiveness.
- For the Moderna vaccine available in the NWT, you are considered unvaccinated if it has not yet been two weeks after the second dose was administered.
- Anyone less than 18 years old is currently unvaccinated in the NWT.

### Non-NWT Residents

- Leisure travel by non-NWT residents is currently not permitted.
- Resurgence is the plan to allow travel to resume with an approved self-isolation plan (search travel exemptions at [gov.nw.ca/covid-19](#)).
- Reduced self-isolation then applies to non-residents and household members if applicable.

# HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION

**APPLY FOR HUNTERS  
AND TRAPPERS  
DISASTER  
COMPENSATION**



In the event that a traditional harvester in the Northwest Territories suffers loss or damage to equipment or assets because of a natural disaster, compensation is available.



To qualify for assistance, harvesters must possess a General Hunting Licence and/or be a land claim beneficiary, be actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities, and prove that their harvesting provides for at least 25% of their gross annual income. The maximum compensation allowable under this program is \$4500.

This program does not compensate for losses incurred from wildland fire and cannot be used to cover losses arising from poor judgment, carelessness or acts of vandalism.

For more information, contact your [local Environment and Natural Resources office](#).

## PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING



Funding available for youth jobs and mentorships in the parks and recreation sector.

Apply now!



**NEW FUNDING IS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
YOUTH JOBS AND  
MENTORSHIPS IN  
THE PARKS &  
RECREATION  
SECTOR**

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association announced its Youth Employment Experience! This new funding opportunity provides 100% wage subsidies to hire youth in the parks and recreation sector. Find out more and apply at <http://bit.ly/CPRA-Youth> #cdnmuni

**Application Deadline !TODAY! May 14, 2021**

If you have questions or need assistance please contact Regional Manager Amanda Grobbecker at [agrobbecker@nwtrpa.org](mailto:agrobbecker@nwtrpa.org) || 867.669.8377

[Apply for the program here](#)

## COVID-19 IN VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## COVID-19 in Fully and Partially Vaccinated Individuals

**YELLOWKNIFE-May 10, 2021-** COVID-19 vaccines prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19. However, the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer would like to remind people that fully and partially vaccinated individuals can still get sick and transmit the virus.

Throughout the vaccine rollout, the OCPHO has consistently communicated that COVID-19 vaccines prevent a very high proportion of infections, but not all. The initial clinical trials demonstrate that 14 days or more after the second dose, the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines prevent about 95% of infections. Both vaccines prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19.

At present, with large numbers of unvaccinated people (like school-aged children) in the Northwest Territories, and the demonstrated increased transmissibility of new variants, the OCPHO believes it is important that even contacts who are fully vaccinated must isolate.

In the setting of the N.J. Macpherson outbreak, fully vaccinated contacts must isolate in accordance with the [Public Health Order- Yellowknife, Ndilo, Dettah and Behchoko Temporary COVID-19 Restrictions \(May 5, 2021\)](#).

In situations of very high exposures to COVID-19, there will still be people who develop COVID-19 infections even if they are fully vaccinated. The risk for fully vaccinated individuals is likely about one-tenth the risk of non-vaccinated individuals.

Therefore, it is important for the public to recognize that even after vaccination, they should keep up with routine public health measures like:

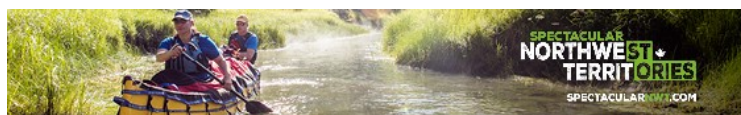
- Washing your hands often
- Keeping physical distance from others
- Wearing non-medical masks when physical distancing isn't possible
- Keeping your circle small
- Cleaning and disinfecting your home regularly
- Staying home when you're sick
- Getting tested when you have symptoms

We continue to strongly encourage all eligible people to help protect themselves from COVID-19 and its most serious impacts by getting vaccinated.

### Attribution

All commentary is attributable to Dr. Kami Kandola, Chief Public Health Officer for the Northwest Territories.

## TOURISM RESEARCH



### THIRD WAVE OF RESEARCH MEASURING RESIDENT'S READINESS TO WELCOME VISITORS IS UNDERWAY

NWT Tourism along with the GNWT-ITI is continuing with important research that will inform destination marketing plans and help to optimize activities,



timing and messaging that will support the rebuild and recovery of the NWT's tourism industry when the time is right.

The third wave of research, conducted by research firm Leger, will be gathering feedback from residents about tourism through telephone interviews and an online survey. We launched the first wave on October 1st and the second wave in February. The third wave is starting today and will be finished on May 25. After this wave of the survey, the research will consist of one more wave of outreach to residents.

The research will help enhance understanding of NWT residents' thoughts and perceptions towards tourism as the pandemic continues to affect all of us. In addition, the research will gauge how receptive residents are to receiving visitors from different areas. Information and insights gathered will be used to support the industry and guide NWT Tourism's marketing through the phases of response, recovery and the return to resilience for the industry.

### Survey Link

We encourage all NWT residents to participate in the research and share feedback on tourism in the North. Please take the time to participate in the telephone survey if you are called. If we are not able to reach you by phone, an online version of the survey is now available at: <https://api.legerweb.com/NWTresidents2021>

If you complete the survey by telephone for this wave of research, please do not also fill in the online survey for this same wave.

## NWTAC'S FEATURED VIDEO



### NWTAC ASSET MANAGEMENT VIDEOS

Introduction to the YSI Sonde 6600

The YSI 6600, YSI's multi-parameter instrument, is designed for long-term in situ monitoring and profiling of CTD PH

Chlorophyll, Turbidity and Rhodamine. This sonde offers the longest battery life and the largest memory of any YSI 6-Series Sondes. It is the only YSI instrument that can be deployed to 200 metres

[Watch the video here](#)

## ADDICTIONS RECOVERY PEER SUPPORT FUND



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du Canada

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Community-based or Indigenous Organizations
- Community-based groups or community members working in partnership with an eligible community-based or Indigenous Organization

### How to apply?

- To apply for the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund, you will need to complete and submit the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund Application Form.

### Funding is available for two purposes.

#### Training Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Program

- Total available funds annually: \$100,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

#### Basic Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Group and/or Activity

- Total available funds annually: \$180,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

### [Application for Addiction Recovery Peer Support Fund](#)

## FCM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW



Join municipal leaders from across Canada at FCM's flagship event.

As the first full gathering of Canada's municipal leaders since COVID-19 turned life upside down, FORWARD:

FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show will celebrate the incredible resilience of local leaders.

We'll explore what cities and communities need to move forward through the pandemic—and into a better future we'll help build.

Say yes to moving forward—together.

**Join us virtually, May 31 to June 4!**

[Register here](#)

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