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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

COVID-19 REGULATION UPDATES

LEISURE TRAVEL

- Leisure travel into the territory is not permitted. Exemptions are considered for compassionate reasons, family reunification, exceptional circumstances, travel from Nunavut/Yukon, and remote tourism.
- Residents are advised to be familiar with the public health orders in the jurisdiction they are visiting and to be aware of locations where COVID infections are increasing, especially those who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.



SELF- ISOLATION

- Everyone is required to submit a [self-isolation plan](#) for potential contact tracing purposes.
- NWT residents, non-resident essential service workers, and other travellers with exemptions who are fully vaccinated will no longer need to self-isolate upon entry to the NWT. If NWT residents have travelled outside Canada, [all federal requirements must be met before returning to the NWT](#).

People who are partially [vaccinated](#) are still required to self-isolate for a minimum of 8 days with a day 8 negative test.

People who are unvaccinated, including children under 12, are required to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days with a day 10 negative test. Children under 2 will not be required to get a test on day 10 but only isolate until then. Day 1 and a day 14 tests are required for fully vaccinated people travelling from outside of the NWT directly to a small community and for some essential workers. For mixed households who are travelling together, it is only the least vaccinated traveller(s) who will be required to get a test.

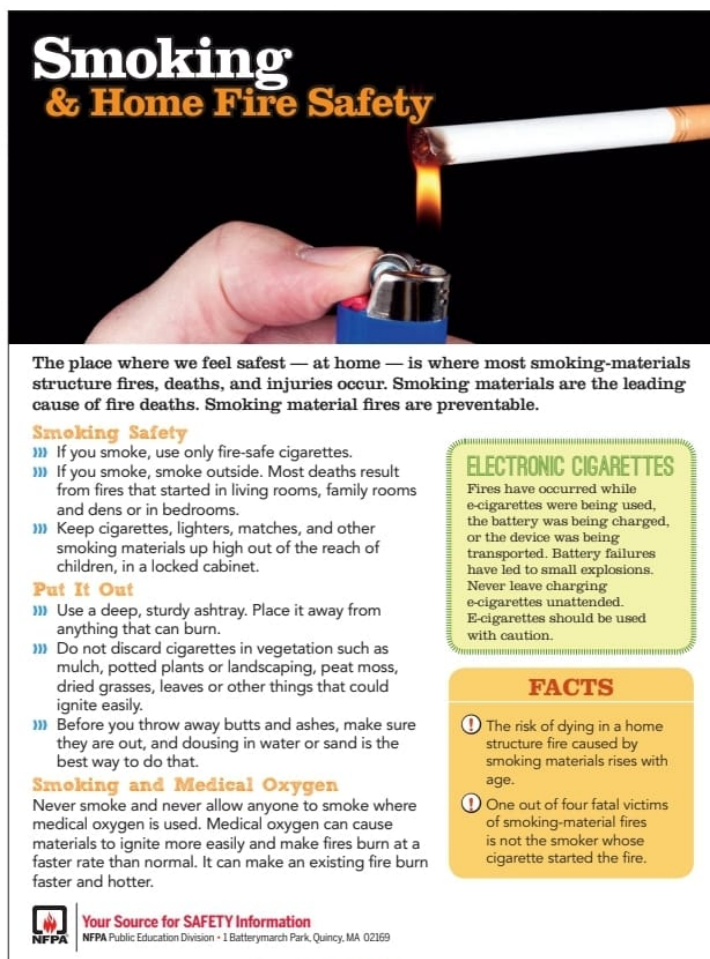
If you received your vaccine in the NWT, you will not require proof of vaccination. If you did not receive your vaccine within the NWT, proof of vaccination status will need to be provided upon request. It is recommended these travellers have this available before applying to travel to the NWT, along with their [Self-Isolation Plan](#).

Household members must follow the same self-isolation guidance as the traveller, regardless of their vaccination status. If vaccination status differs for multiple travellers, the rest of the household must isolate for the longest period. This requirement is based on evidence indicating that extended and prolonged close contact with someone with COVID-19, such as in a household environment, increases transmission. No testing is required for household members unless symptomatic.

SMOKING MATERIAL FIRES IN THE NWT

SMOKING IS A LEADING CAUSE OF HOME FIRE FATALITIES

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Office of The Fire Marshal (OFM) are concerned about a recent trend related to smoking materials that has been occurring in the NWT.



Over the last month alone, structural fires in the communities of Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik and Yellowknife have resulted in significant property losses and injuries to NWT residents.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), through the OFM, is working with our partners at the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC), Northwest Territories Fire Chief's Association (NWTFCFA) and Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories (LGANT), and other GNWT Departments to assist in spreading fire

prevention messaging to all NWT residents.

In an effort to combat this trend, the GNWT is requesting all residents heed the following fire safety messages related to smoking materials and all community Fire Safety Officials to assist in educating their residents to the hazards of smoking materials.

Fire Prevention Best Practices:

- If you smoke, do so outside away from structures and other combustible material. Make sure to extinguish cigarettes in an approved container.
- Never smoke in bed, while taking medication that makes you drowsy, or while you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Never smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.
- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays (non-combustible). If ashtrays are not available use a metal can or pail. Never empty smoking material directly into a trash can. Place the ashtrays or metal cans away from anything that can burn. Use of a tight-fitting lid will limit oxygen supply.
- Do not throw out cigarettes into vegetation, potted plants, landscaping, peat moss, dried grass, mulch, leaves or other similar items as they can easily catch fire.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, ensure they are completely extinguished. Put them out in sand or water.
- Do not discard cigarettes or other flammable materials out vehicle windows especially in forested areas or where combustible materials may be present.

- Before going to bed, check under furniture cushions and around places where people have been smoking for smouldering cigarette butts or hot ashes that may have fallen out of sight.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Fires have occurred with vaping products, including where electronic cigarettes were being used, while batteries were being charged, or the device was being transported. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended.
- Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in your home. These devices are proven to save lives and limit property loss.

For additional information on protecting yourself from fire, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's Website at: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education> or contact your local fire department or MACA Regional Office for assistance.

Safety is a priority for the GNWT. We all have a role to play in protecting our family, friends, pets, property and belongings from the threat of fire. If you need help quitting smoking, make an appointment at your local health centre or contact healthpromotion@gov.nt.ca for a free Quit Kit.

2021 CENSUS

Thank you for taking a few minutes to participate in the 2021 Census. The information you provide is converted into statistics used by communities, businesses and governments to plan services and make informed decisions about employment, education, health care, market development and more.

Your answers are collected under the authority of the Statistics Act and kept strictly confidential. By law, every household must complete a 2021 Census of Population questionnaire.



Farm operators must also complete a Census of Agriculture questionnaire. Statistics Canada makes use of existing sources of information such as immigration, income tax and benefits data to ensure the least amount of burden is placed on households.

The information that you provide may be used by Statistics Canada for other statistical and research purposes or may be combined with other survey or administrative data sources.

Make sure you count yourself into Canada's statistical portrait

HEALING FUND



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.

Application packages can be submitted via email to 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](#)

FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND



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LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND IS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

This new application intake will provide rapid-response grants valued between \$15,000 and \$100,000 to help prevent hunger through investments in infrastructure needs. Eligible projects must be for simple infrastructure requests such as purchasing a walk-in refrigerator for a food bank, or installing a greenhouse in a remote community.

To apply to this program, please visit the [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#)

webpage.

For specific questions about the Local Food Infrastructure Fund, please reach out to the program by e-mail at: aafo.foodprograms-programmesalimentaires.aac@agr.gc.ca.

CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND (CCRF)



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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LAUNCHES \$500 MILLION CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND TO DRIVE POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY

Shared public spaces in villages, towns and cities are at the heart of communities across Canada. Main streets, downtown cores, community and cultural centres, farmers' markets, libraries, outdoor spaces and other public places draw in residents and visitors alike, supporting local businesses and jobs. In many communities, these spaces have remained empty as Canadians took precautions to stay safe from COVID-19.

The Government of Canada recognizes that Canadian cities and towns flourish when they have community infrastructure to promote social interaction and physical activity and provide access to recreational programs and facilities. These are integral to our overall well-being as individuals, families and communities.

Our economic recovery is closely linked to the vitality of our local communities and their shared spaces. The new Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) announced in Budget 2021 provides \$500 million over two years to [Canada's regional development agencies](#) (RDAs) to invest in shared and inclusive public spaces, helping to create the conditions and accessibility to stimulate local economies and bring Canadians back together once it is safe to do so.

[For more information about the fund click here](#)

[Application Guide](#)

[Program guidelines](#)

GMVF SURVEY

GENUINE MACKENZIE VALLEY FUR (GMVF) PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur
(GMVF) Program provides Northwest

Territories (NWT) trappers with “one window” access to the international fur auction market for fur harvested in the NWT. In addition, the Program actively markets and promotes fur at international venues through partnerships with other harvesting jurisdictions and the private sector. The programs and services under this program include:



- providing trappers access to the international fur market through an ongoing relationship with the Fur Harvesters Auction;
- covering the costs of shipping and drumming;
- marketing and promoting fur at international venues through partnerships with other harvesting jurisdictions and the private sector;
- protecting trappers against unexpected changes in the fur market through providing guaranteed advances for high-quality fur;
- providing prime fur bonuses to trappers whose pelts sell at amounts higher than the guaranteed advance;
- providing annual start-up funds for eligible harvesters through Trapper's Grubstake;
- providing community-based trapper training to help trappers get the best price for their furs; and,
- recognizing top trappers annually through trapper awards.

We are currently evaluating the program with the goal of improving delivery to best support NWT trappers and their needs. Please take a few minutes to give us feedback.

You can enter your name and email at the end to be entered into the prize draw. Your name and email will not be linked to any responses.

[Take the survey here](#)

CHAP SURVEY



COMMUNITY HARVESTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP) EVALUATION

The Community Harvesters Assistance Program (CHAP) is a GNWT program that provides funding to Indigenous Governments, Renewable Resource Councils, Hunters and Trappers Committees or Local Hunting Organizations who in turn distribute the CHAP funding to support their members. These groups determine how they wish to spend the money they are provided. The program is currently being evaluated with the goal of improving the delivery for both harvesters and the organizations that run the program. Please take a few minutes to give us feedback.

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[Take the survey here](#)

YOUNG LEADERS' SUMMIT ON NORTHERN CLIMATE CHANGE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE YOUNG LEADERS' SUMMIT ON NORTHERN CLIMATE CHANGE



The [Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change](#) will bring northern youth (aged 18 to 30) together to discuss climate change, share their stories and build leadership skills.

Participants will learn from Elders, researchers, land-users, policymakers, and other climate leaders.

This is also a great opportunity to connect with others from across the north! Please spread the word, and hang up this [poster](#) on your community bulletin boards.

To apply, fill in the google form [here](#) or email admin@ecologynorth.ca to ask for the application form.

The deadline to apply is July 25th at 11:59 PM MST.

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](#)

NWT KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY FOCUS GROUP

REGISTER FOR AN NWT KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY FOCUS GROUP



Industry, Tourism and Investment

Qatalyst Research Group is working with the GNWT Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) on an action plan to further develop the knowledge economy in the NWT.

We are planning seven virtual focus groups (using Zoom), each of which will last from 90 minutes to two hours. Each session will discuss all elements of the knowledge economy but focus more heavily on one particular component.

The planned schedule and priority topics are listed below.

- Thursday, July 22, 10:00 am, Research and knowledge generation
- Tuesday, July 27, 1:30 pm, Entrepreneurship in NWT / Access to business support and services
- Wednesday, August 4, 10:00 am, Application of Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 am, Alignment between education & training system and the knowledge economy
- Monday, August 16, 1:30 pm, Connectivity and access to business support services
- Thursday, August 19, 10:00 am, Entrepreneurship in NWT / Access to business support and services
- Wednesday, August 25, 1:30 pm, Sharing of the benefits across all NWT communities and regions

Please register for a session [here](#)

We will be limiting the number of participants in each session so please register soon.

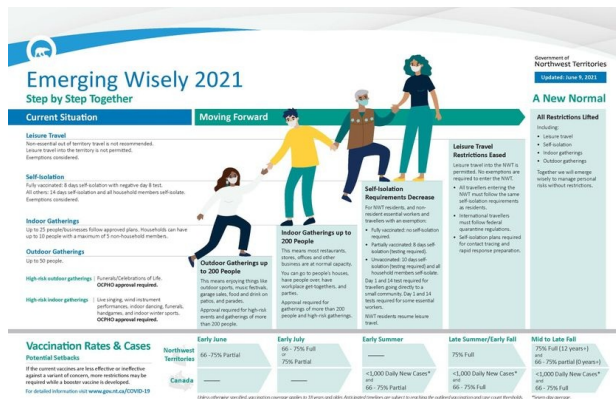
Once you register, we will send you an email confirmation and a focus group guide. We look forward to speaking with you.

In addition, we've included a helpful one-pager on [the knowledge economy and the Knowledge Economy Action Plan](#).

[Advancing Northwest Territories knowledge economy](#)

If you are unable to participate in any of these sessions, please let us know and we can set up a time to interview you.

COVID-19



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The step-by-step guide to easing public health restrictions and moving forward from COVID-19, is available now.

[Get your copy here](#)

HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION

APPLY FOR HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION



Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources

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.

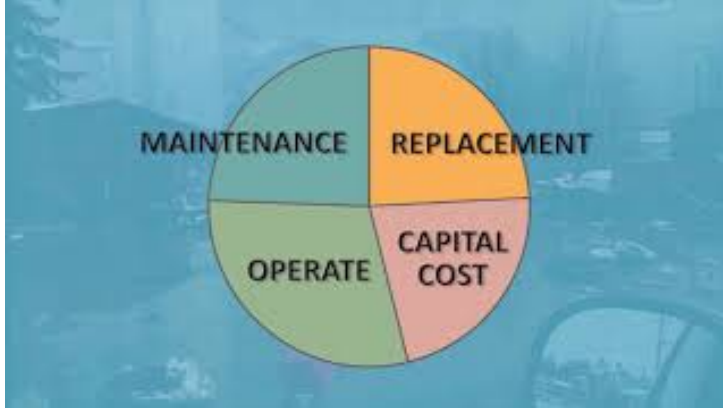
To qualify for assistance, harvesters must possess a General Hunting Licence and/or be a land claim beneficiary, be actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities, and prove that their harvesting provides for at least 25% of their gross annual income. The maximum compensation allowable 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](#).

NWTAC'S FEATURED VIDEO

**NWTAC ASSET
MANAGEMENT
VIDEO**



Infrastructure in Small
Communities

[Watch the video here](#)

ADDICTIONS RECOVERY PEER SUPPORT FUND



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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](#)

DISASTER MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FUND (DMAF)



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**INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
DISASTER MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FUND**

On July 20th, 2021, Infrastructure Canada launched a [call for applications](#) for the renewed Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF).

The DMAF is a national, competitive, and merit-based contribution program intended to support infrastructure projects designed to mitigate and adapt to current and future climate-related risks and disasters triggered by natural hazards, such as floods, wildland fires, droughts and seismic events.

Eligible projects include new construction of public infrastructure and/or modification or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, that prevent, mitigate or protect against the impacts natural disasters and extreme weather triggered by climate change.

Further to Budget 2021 which announced an additional \$1.375 million dollars to renew the DMAF, including a minimum of \$138 million of DMAF funding allocated to Indigenous recipients and the addition of a small-scale project stream, eligible applicants will now have the opportunity to submit projects under the following two stream:

- Small scale-project stream (new): projects with total eligible costs between \$1 million and \$20 million;
- Large-scale project stream: \$20 million and above in total eligible costs.

Projects will be assessed for eligibility and merit criteria on a competitive basis with the first round of submissions.

Closing date:
October 15th, 2021, large-scale project stream
November 15th, 2021, small-scale project stream.

Further information on the DMAF, including the applicant's guide, eligibility, and how to apply, is available on our website at the following link:
<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/index-eng.html>.

Projects submitted to Infrastructure Canada under previous intakes will have to be submitted through the application portal accessible via our website.

The following mailbox is in place for questions related to the program:
infc.dmaf-faac.infc@canada.ca.

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Community Election Schedule

Check out our Website!

