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NWT EMO – Consolidated Situation Report						
Date	13 April 2020		Time	1600 hrs		
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Type of Report						
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Incident Number		Incident Name				
2020-07-029		COVID-19 Pandemic				
Current Situation						

On April 10, the Chief Public Health Officer issued <u>two new binding public health Orders</u>.

The <u>Public Health Order Directed at Mineral and Petroleum Industry</u> took effect on April 10th, 2020. The second order <u>Bans all Gatherings and Formalizes Closure of Certain Businesses</u> took effect on April 11, 2020.

The Territorial EMO remains at Level 3 - Full Activation. All Regional Emergency Operation Centres are now activated.

As of April 13, 2020 at 12:42 P.M., the Department of Health and Social Services' (HSS) website reports there have been 1453 tests performed, 33 tests pending. There have been five (5) confirmed cases of COVID-19; including three (3) active cases and two (2) recovered cases.

HSS is leading preparations and planning for public health measures and health impacts. HSS remains at Activation Level 4 – Activation of EOC.

MACA Regional Superintendents maintain contact with communities to monitor for potential impacts, maintain situational awareness, and continue to support communities in preparedness activities.

Top community concerns as of April 13, 2020 include:

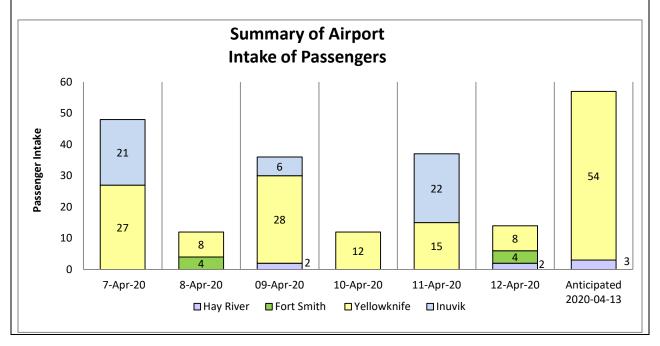
- Alcohol use and bootlegging activities;
- Residents returning to their home community after completing the mandatory 14 day isolation period; and
- Enforcement of self-isolation, social distancing and gatherings.



Checkpoints remain at NWT border crossings on Highways 1 and 8; as well as airport locations in Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Inuvik. Highway 7 border crossing near Fort Liard is closed. Highway 8, by Fort McPherson is partially closed; however, transports are being allowed access from the Yukon.

Border Access		06-Apr- 20	07-Apr- 20	08-Apr- 20	09-Apr- 20	10-Apr- 20	11-Apr- 20	12-Apr- 20
Enterprise	Private vehicles	7	10	12	9	11	4	4
	Transports	19	29	26	33	24	7	7
	Total Vehicle Crossings	26	39	38	42	35	11	11
	Occupants of Private Vehicles	12	12	20	12	15	4	4
Fort McPherson	Private vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transports	1	19	7	6	7	16	16
	Total Vehicle Crossings	1	19	7	6	7	16	16
	Occupants of Private Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

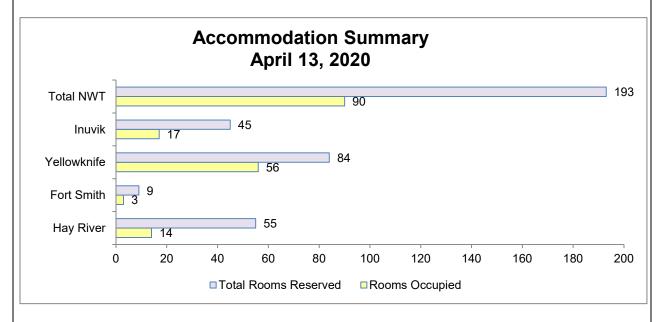
Airport screening is also located at airport terminals in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Fort Smith and Hay River to ensure passengers are aware of and abiding by CPHO orders.





Isolation centres for those who are required to self-isolate are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River and Fort Smith. As of 11:00 A.M. on April 13, 2020, insolation centres had:

	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Rooms Occupied	Rooms Available for Intake	Total Persons Checked- out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	19	14	41	39
Fort Smith	5	3	6	1
Yellowknife	64	56	28	61
Inuvik	26	17	28	46
Total NWT	114	90	103	147



Notable Events to Date:

- April 7 Premier Caroline Cochrane assumed the MACA portfolio and announced the formation of the NWT Compliance and Enforcement Taskforce.
- March 30 the CPHO authorized the removal of border security measures at Smith Landing effective immediately. The ice road access to Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan is now closed.
- March 24 the Minister of MACA declared a Territorial State of Emergency, the declaration was extended to April 14, 2020.
- March 24 NWT Education Leaders closed schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- March 22 the CPHO issued a public health advisory stating that all gatherings regardless of size or number should be cancelled immediately.



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- March 21 the CPHO prohibited all travel into the NWT by non-residents to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There are limited exceptions.
- March 18 the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) declared a public health emergency. This public health emergency was extended to April 14, 2020.

Outstanding Issues/ Challenges/Problems

- The COVID-19 event is expected to continue for an extended period of time.
- The situation continues to change quickly.
- The CPHO order has impacted GNWT operations due to work-from-home and other self-isolation precautions.

Anticipated Priorities/Activities (for future operational periods)

- Continue supporting HSS efforts;
- Continued monitoring of the event and identify the challenges and needs of government and communities;
- Priority of sharing up-to-date and accurate information with partners and communities
- Continue community readiness efforts;
- Plan to support persons self-isolating;
- Ensure communities have adequate supplies to maintain essential services;
- Plan ahead for potential transportation and supply issues (i.e. flight schedule reductions); and
- Sustainment of EMO operations.

Other Comments/Issues/Concerns

Increased anxiety by residents and communities across the territories.

Approved by (Acting Incident Commander):

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