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Quick Facts

For November 1 – November 7, 2020

Current Situation		Protect NWT	
Completed tests	6,837	SIPs submitted	25,515
Pending tests	23 ↓	Pending	681 ↑
Confirmed cases	11 ↑	Calls this week	636 ↓
Recovered cases	10 ↑	Emails this week	913 ↓

Highways

Total vehicle crossings	14,296
Hwy 1 this week	312 ↓
Hwy 8 this week	0 ↓

Airports

Total passengers	17,205
Passengers this week	557 ↓

Isolation Centres

Total stays	3,801
Current guests	255 ↓

New Guests this week

Hay River	10 ↓
Fort Smith	8 ↑
Yellowknife	106 ↓
Inuvik	10 ↓

811 COVID Info Line

Total calls since start	3,733
Calls this week	111 ↓
Total emails since start	620
Emails this week	50 ↑

Note:

The COVID Info Line and Service 811 reporting were amalgamated on Nov 1, 2020.

Compliance and Enforcement

Total cases since start	3,123
Opened this week	100 ↑
Closed this week	81 ↓

Investigations:

Verbal and written warnings	385
Warnings this week	23 ↑
Summary Offence tickets	29
Tickets this week	1 ↑

Status

Public Health Emergency	HSS Activation Level 4 – Activation of EOC
Emerging Wisely	Relaxing Phase 2: Next Steps
COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat	Transition existing response activities

Public Health Orders

1. [COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2](#) (effective June 12, 2020) - [Emerging Wisely](#) provides a five-part plan taking the territory from containment measures through four phases of eased measures. Emerging Wisely identifies what requirements must be met to begin moving into each phase, and includes progressively eased restrictions on people, businesses, and activities important to residents. A pictorial [summary](#) is also available of the five phases mentioned above. Relaxing Phase 2: Next Steps started on Friday, June 12, 2020.
2. [COVID-19 Directed at Mineral and Petroleum Industry](#) (June 25, 2020) – Requires mining and oil and gas industries to take a number of measures to protect public health and continue safe operations at all mining and gas projects in the NWT.
3. [Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol](#) (As amended July 16, 2020) – Restricts travel within the NWT that originates from any inter-jurisdictional border with detailed exceptions. Provides instruction on following self-isolation protocols as applicable by self-isolating for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, or Fort Smith and complete a self-isolation plan within 24 hours.

Current Situation

As of November 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. the Department of Health and Social Services' (HSS) [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reports:

Completed Tests	Negative Tests	Tests Pending	Confirmed Cases	Recovered
6,837	6,826	23	11	10

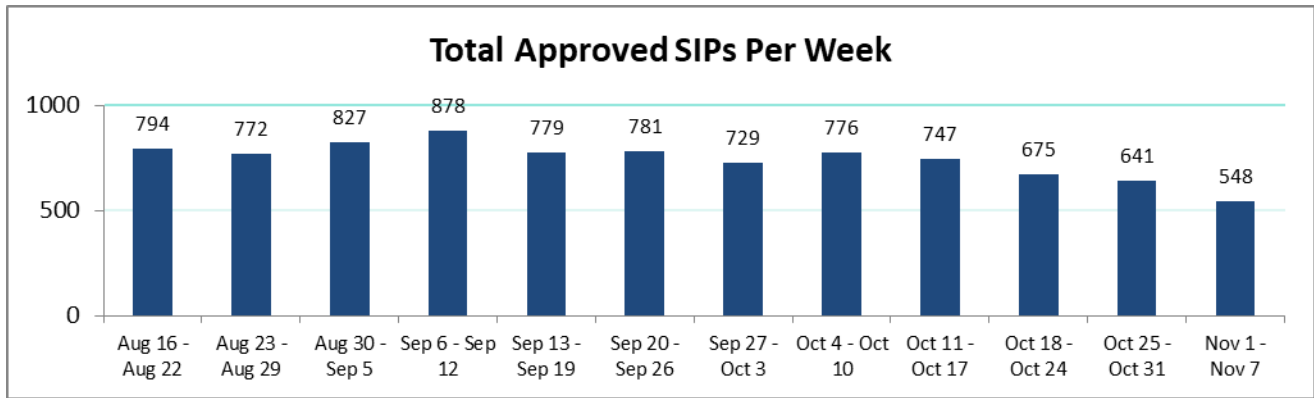
The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until November 24, 2020.

Protect NWT

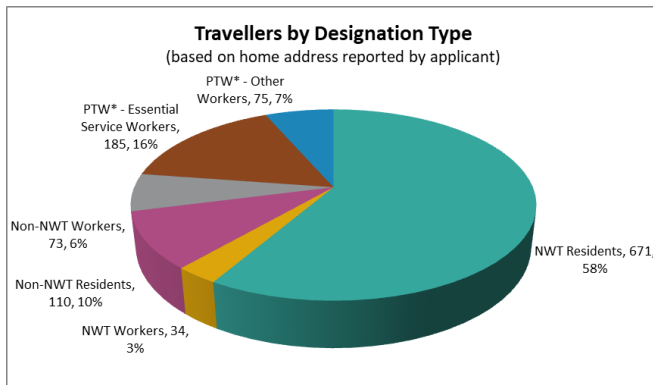
Travellers arriving in the NWT must mandatorily self-isolate for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, or Fort Smith. All travelers must submit a Self-Isolation Plan with [Protect NWT](#) and submit symptom checks on the 2nd, 6th, 10th, and 14th days of self-isolation.

As of November 7, 2020:

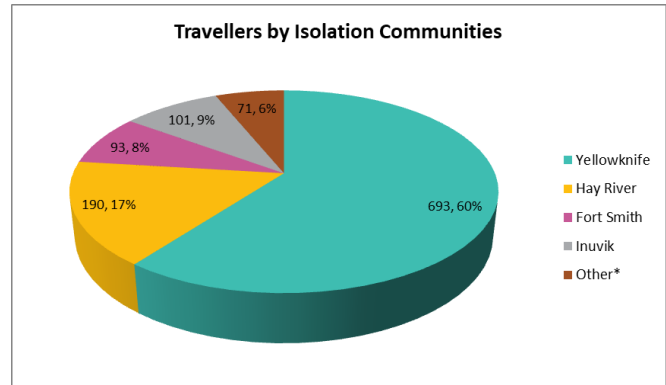
25,515 self-isolation plans (SIPs) have been submitted to Protect NWT and 681 are pending approval.



1,148 travellers are currently within their 14 day self-isolation period.

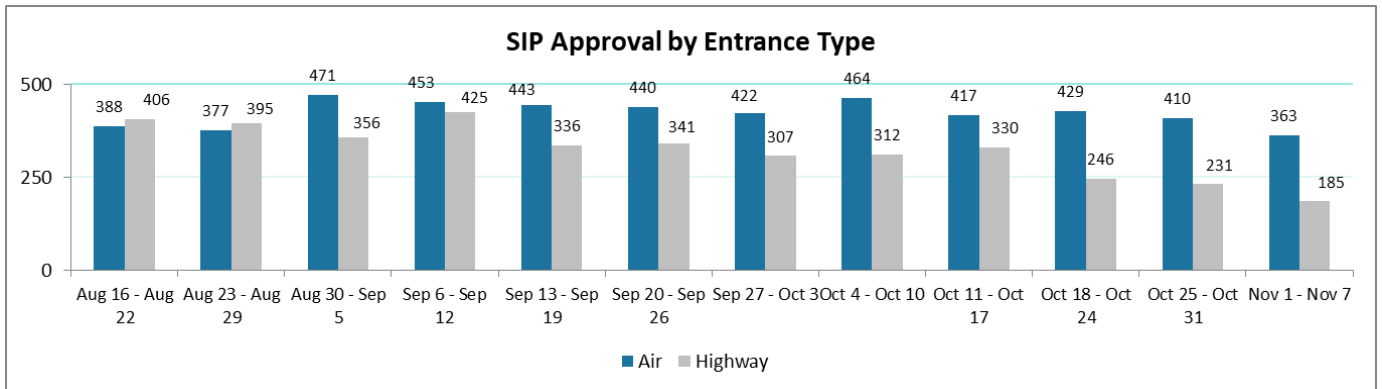


* PTW – Permission to Work



* Other – Essential Service Workers, exigent circumstances

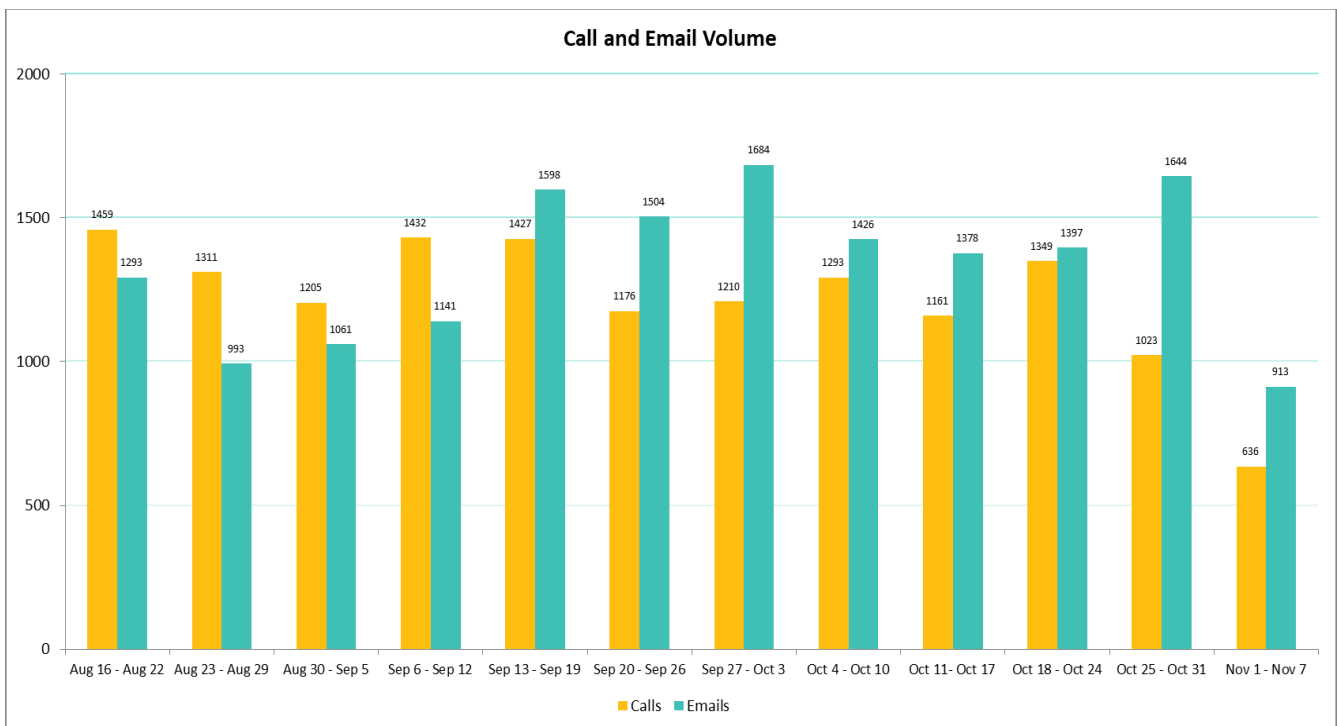
Travellers enter the NWT through a highway or airport border. Since the end of August, there have been more people applying to fly than drive into the NWT.



Staff Workload

The reported call and email volumes reflect Protect NWT staff activity, not the total volume of incoming calls and emails, as incoming call and email volume on a given day or week may outpace Protect NWT staff capacity. Call and email volumes may be under-reported due to delays in tallying or incomplete data capture as the data is collected manually by Protect NWT staff.

Volume of incoming calls and emails rise with public health announcements, particularly those related to Public Health Order amendments. Inquiries to the Protect NWT office may go up in advance of Order changes if information is being communicated to the public about anticipated changes.



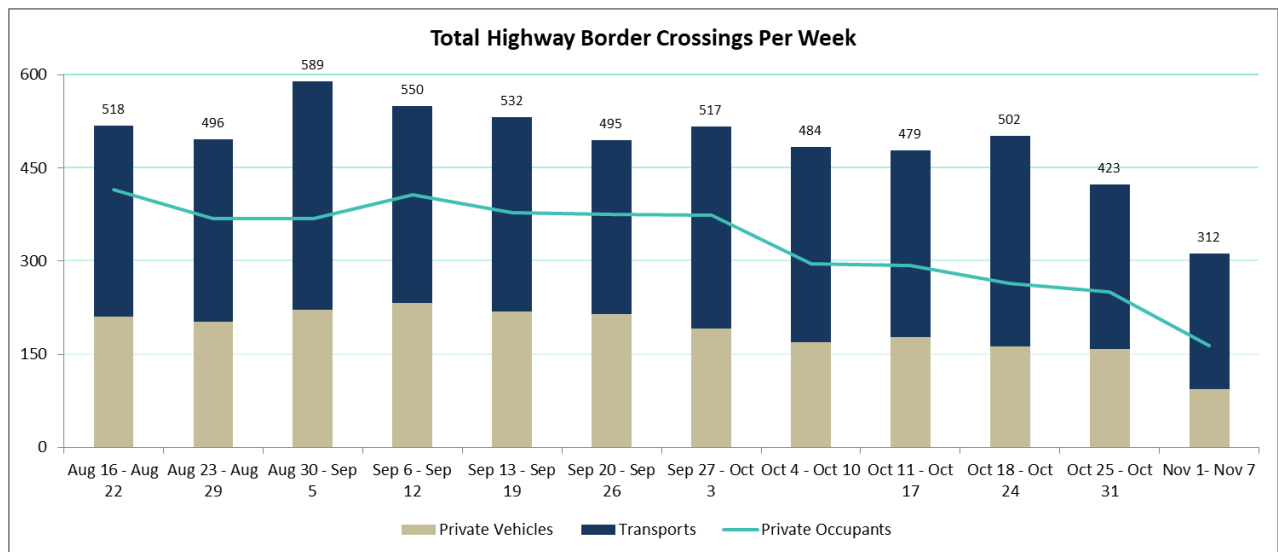
Highway Borders

Checkpoints for Highway 1 (NWT/Alberta border), Highway 5 (near Fort Smith), and Highway 8 (NWT/Yukon border) continue to be open. The Highway 7 border crossing near Fort Liard remains closed; however, GNWT employees facilitate the movement of essential services. Border information for Fort Smith is not available. Travellers using border crossings are subject to conditions of the June 12, 2020 Public Health Order.

As of November 7, 2020:

There have been 14,296 total vehicles cross the NWT border. This includes 5,529 private vehicles with 9,615 private occupants and 8,768 transports. Since the end of August, there has been a steady decrease in people entering the NWT via highways (corresponding with SIP applications). The Hwy 8 border crossing at Fort McPherson closed on November 2 when the ferry was pulled. The winter crossing is anticipated to reopen in the second week of December and reporting will not be provided in the interim.

Border Access		Sep 27 – Oct 3	Oct 4 – Oct 10	Oct 11 – Oct 17	Oct 18 – Oct 24	Oct 25 – Oct 31	Nov 1 – Nov 7
Hwy 1	Private vehicles	174	164	172	149	147	94
	Transports	285	285	268	305	237	218
	Total Crossings	459	449	440	454	384	312
	Private Occupants	281	286	276	248	240	164
Hwy 8	Private vehicles	17	14	6	13	11	0
	Transports	41	47	33	35	28	0
	Total Crossings	58	61	39	48	39	0
	Private Occupants	35	27	17	16	10	0



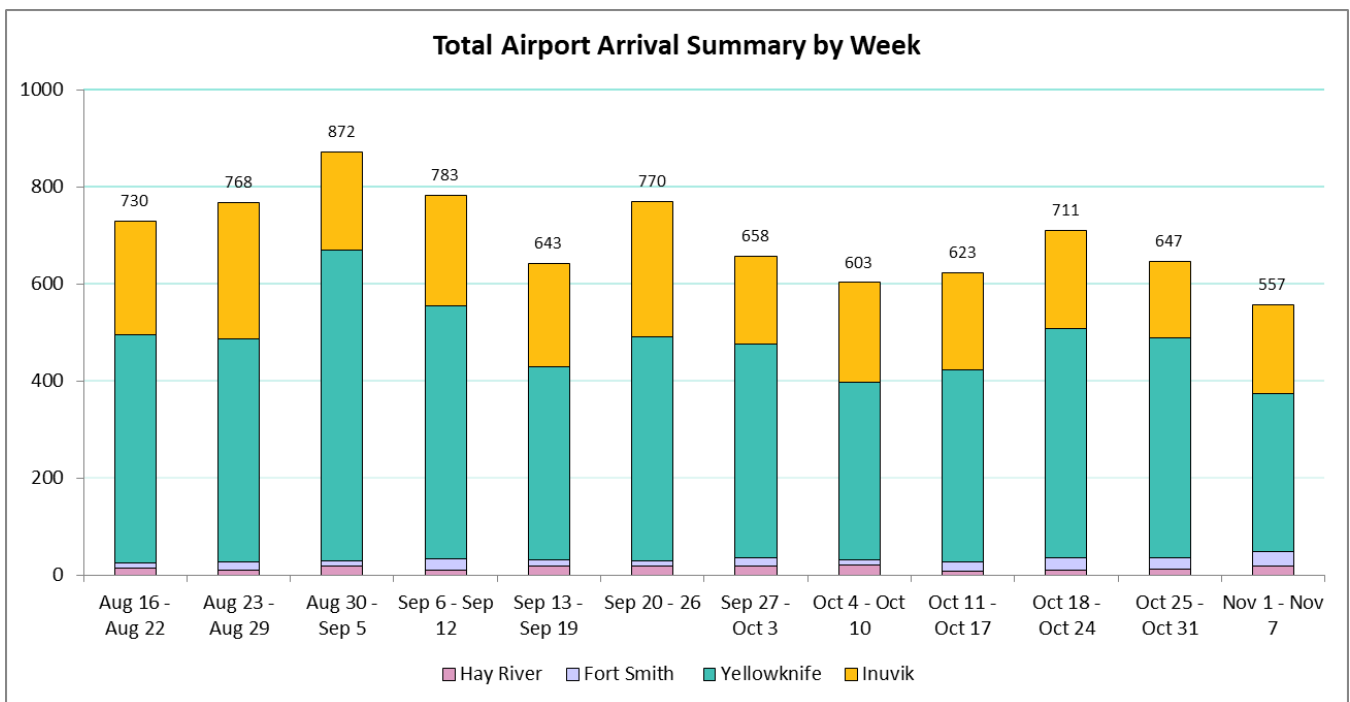
Airport Borders

Airport screening is located at airport terminals in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Fort Smith and Hay River to ensure passengers are aware of and abiding by the Public Health Orders.

As of November 7, 2020:

17,205 passengers have entered the NWT:

Community	Total	% of Traffic
Hay River	414	2.4%
Fort Smith	460	2.7%
Yellowknife	11,145	64.8%
Inuvik	5,186	30.1%
Total NWT	17,205	



Isolation Centres

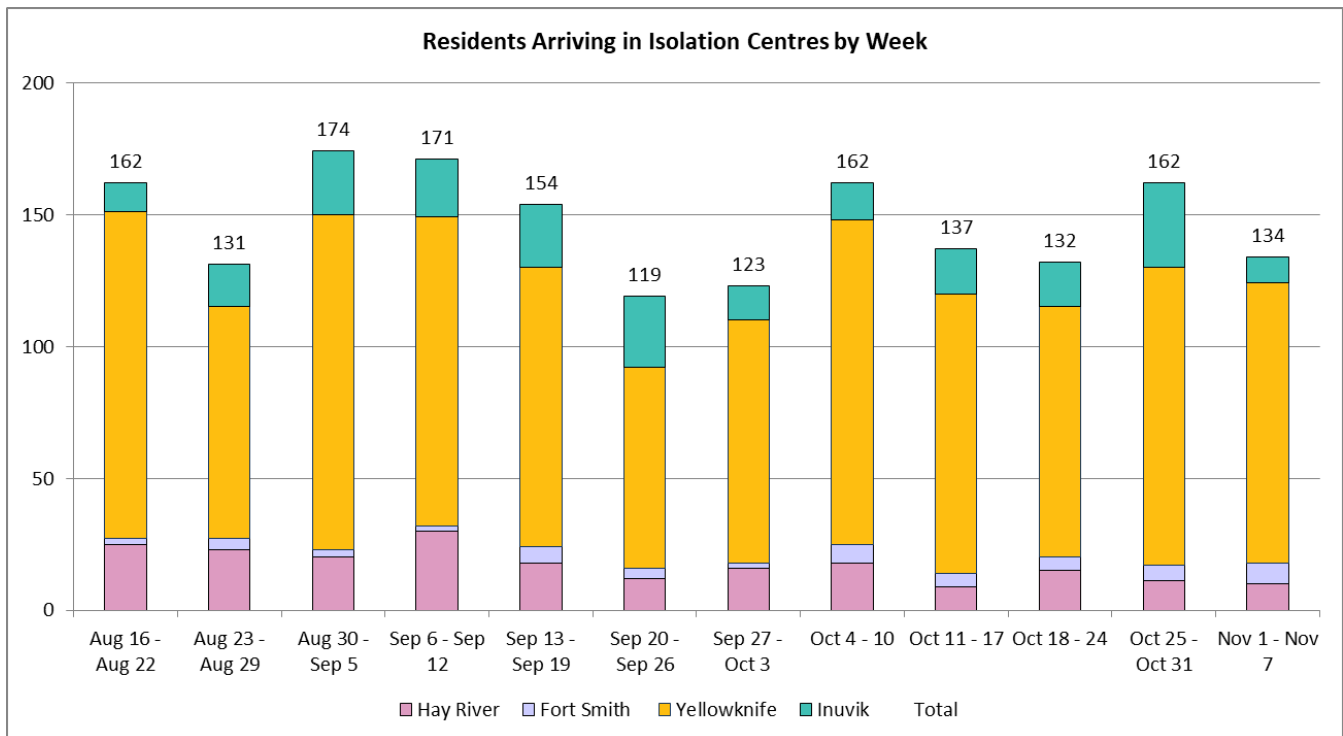
Isolation Centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents that are required to self-isolate under the Public Health Order.

As of November 7, 2020:

3,801 NWT travellers have stayed in an Isolation Centre.

Currently, Isolation Centres have:

Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	15	22	552
Fort Smith	8	12	101
Yellowknife	133	187	2,325
Inuvik	25	34	568
Total NWT	181	255	3,546



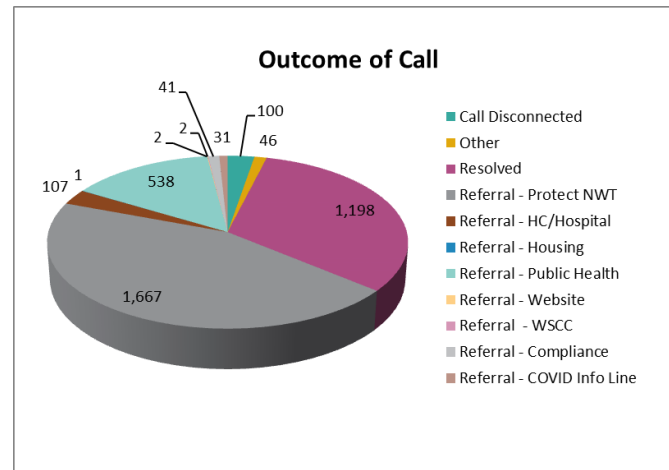
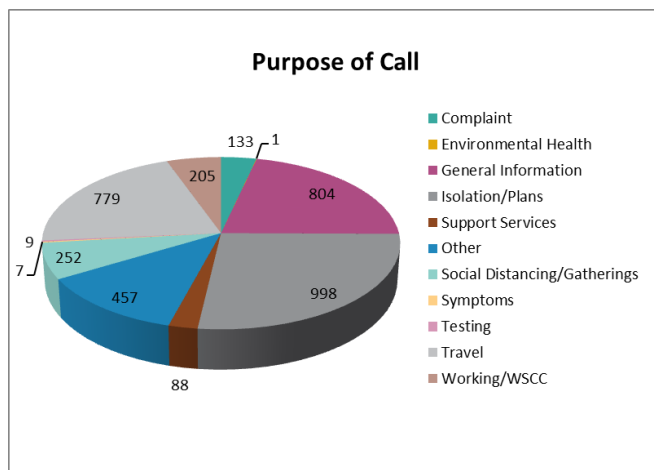
811 COVID-19 Info Line

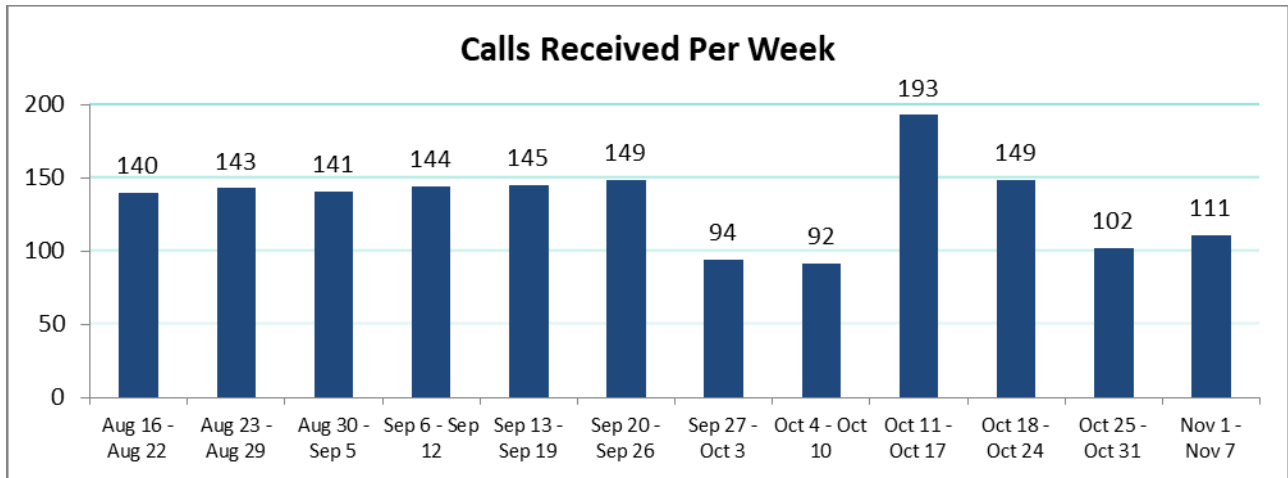
The 811 Information Line is available from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., 7 days a week for general information about COVID-19. Operators assist callers by answering questions about COVID-19; determining if they should contact their local health centre to arrange for testing using the assessment guide; accepting credible, specific complaints of individuals not following public health orders for further consideration; Providing them contact info to local health care providers and resources; or providing contact information to other services as requested to help them during this time of physical distancing and self-isolation.

The 811 COVID-19 Info Line and the 811 Service NWT Line were amalgamated on November 1, 2020 with the start-up of the COVID Secretariat Call Centre. Protect NWT calls and emails will begin to be similarly tracked (Purpose and Outcome of call/email), beginning November 15, 2020. This accomplishment allows for timelier service to our citizens and significantly improved reporting metrics.

Calls

- 3,733 calls were received between April 15 – November 7, 2020.
- 111 calls were received in the last week.
- The majority of calls originate from one of the four designated communities (3,061/3,733):
 - Yellowknife – 2,349
 - Hay River – 255
 - Inuvik – 271
 - Fort Smith - 186

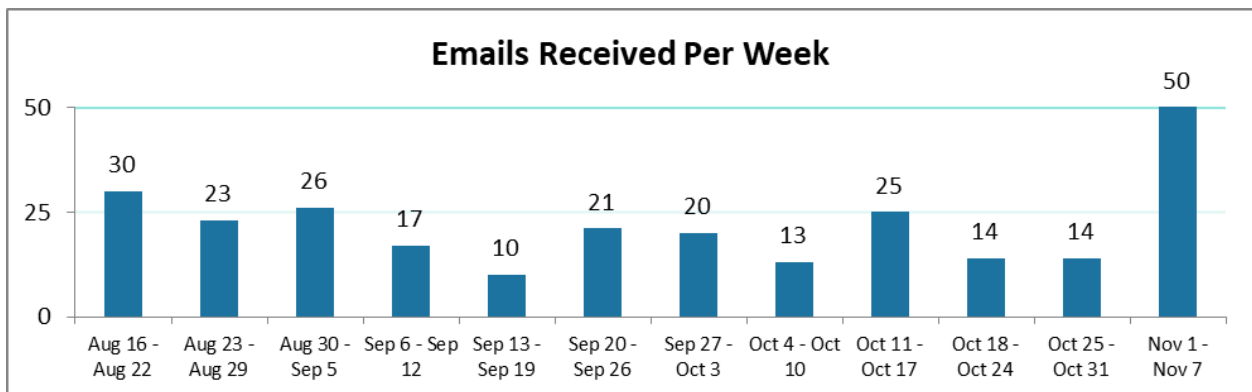
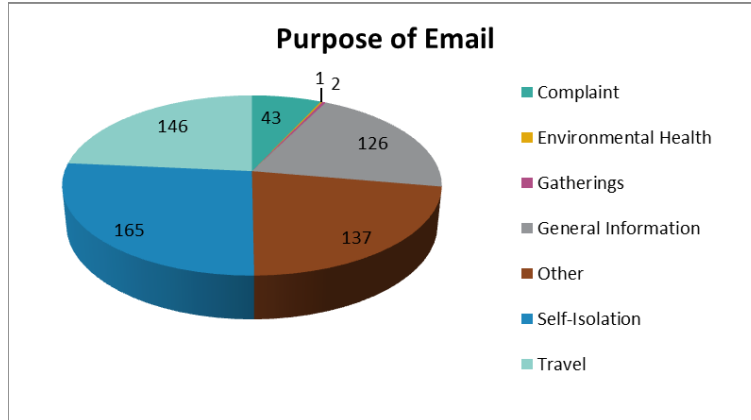




Emails

COVID-19 Info Line took over responsibility for responding to emails received at COVID@gov.nt.ca from the OCPHO on June 1, 2020. Data is not available prior to June 1, 2020.

- 620 emails received between June 1, 2020 – November 7, 2020.
- 50 emails were responded to in the last week.

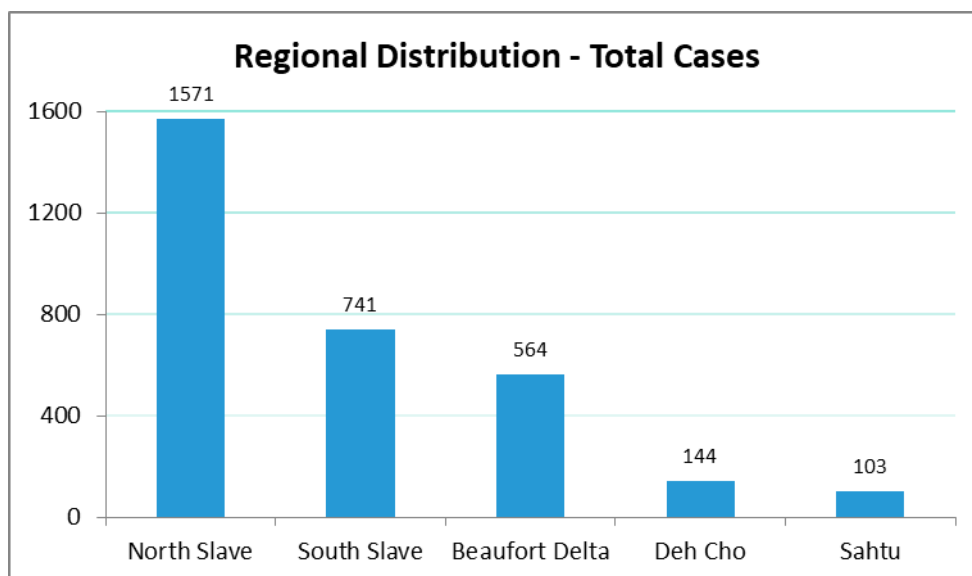
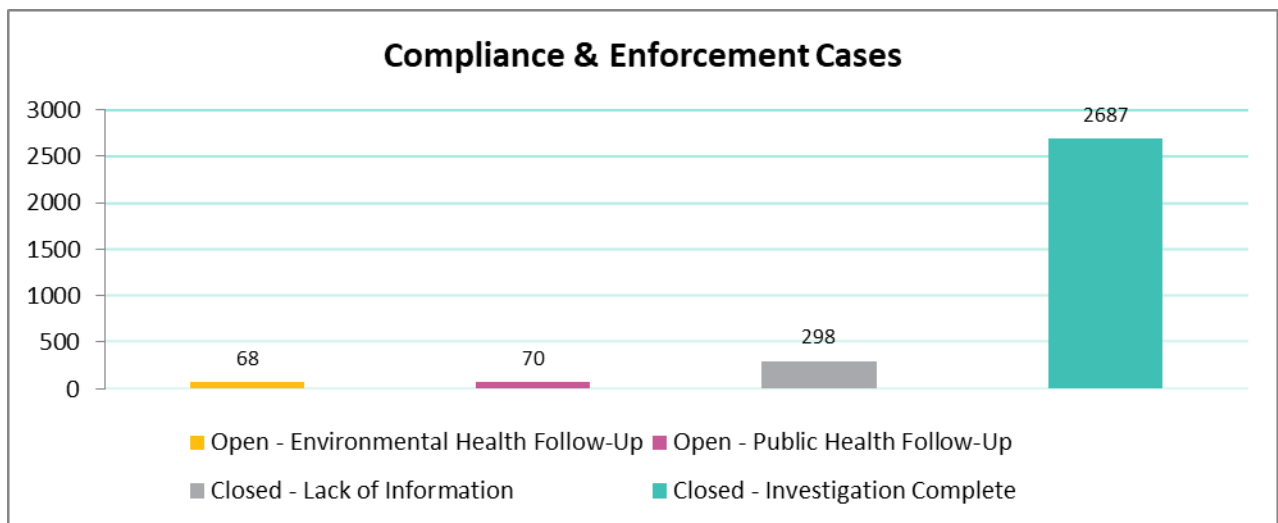


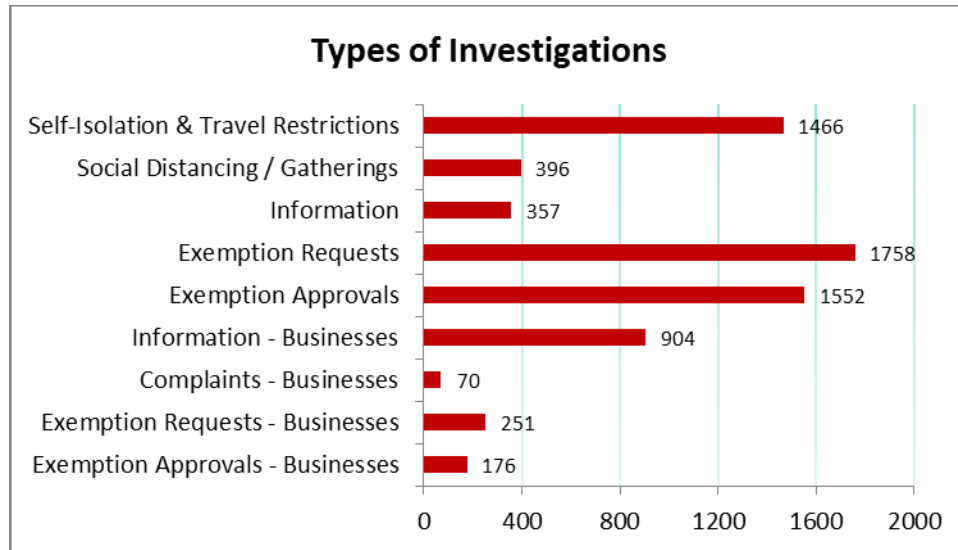
Compliance and Enforcement

Public Health Officers serve all regions of the NWT to enforce the Public Health Orders. Compliance and Enforcement Operations (CEO) work to educate people and business on the rules, investigate complaints and non-compliance, and may issue written warnings or tickets if the rules continue to be ignored.

As of November 7, 2020:

There have been 3,123 total cases. In the last seven days 100 new cases have been opened and 81 cases were closed.





Investigations and Warnings by Region

Region	Cases	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings
Beaufort Delta	564	128	N/A
Deh Cho	144	11	5
North Slave	1,571	108	11
Sahtu	103	9	15
South Slave	741	87	11
Total CET calls/emails received			3,123
Total Warnings (verbal & written)			385
Total Summary Offence Tickets			29

- 29 summary offence tickets have been issued, each with a fine of \$1,725.
- In the past week, there was one new charge, with failure to self-isolate in the North Slave region.
- The majority of non-compliance being reported is related to people not isolating as outlined in their self-isolation plan, or as the self-isolation protocols recommend. The last 20 charges have all been for NWT residents who failed to self-isolate.
- Regional leads and CET Officers have visited 32 NWT communities.