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Quick Facts

February 14-20, 2021

Note: Arrows indicate increase or decrease from previous week

<p>Current Situation</p> <p>Completed tests 14,235</p> <p>Pending tests 46 ↓36</p> <p>Confirmed cases 47 ↑4</p> <p>Recovered cases 42 ↑5</p>	<p>Vaccines Given (Dose 1) 14,520</p> <p>Vaccines Given (Dose 2) 1,934</p>
<p>ProtectNWT</p> <p>SIPs submitted 35,898</p> <p>Pending 234 ↑54</p> <p>Travellers self-isolating 1,456 ↑129</p>	<p>COVID Call Centre</p> <p>Total calls this week 2,015 ↑246</p> <p>Total emails this week 846 ↓18</p>
<p>Highways</p> <p>Total vehicle crossings 20,799</p> <p>Hwy 1 this week 542 ↓119</p> <p>Hwy 5 this week 0 =</p> <p>Hwy 7 this week 2 ↓1</p> <p>Hwy 8 this week 57 ↓1</p>	<p>Airports</p> <p>Total passengers 27,220</p> <p>Passengers this week 806 ↑74</p> <p>Flights screened this week 50 ↑12</p>
<p>Isolation Centres</p> <p>Total stays 5,332</p> <p>Current guests 86 ↓6</p> <p>Guests since Jan 5, 2021 316 ↑27</p>	<p>New Guests this week</p> <p>Hay River 4 =</p> <p>Fort Smith 3 ↑1</p> <p>Yellowknife 18 ↓22</p> <p>Inuvik 2 ↓2</p>
<p>Compliance and Enforcement</p> <p>Total cases since start 4,378</p> <p>New cases this week 86 ↑34</p> <p>Closed this week 83 ↑40</p>	<p>Investigations:</p> <p>Verbal and written warnings 761</p> <p>Warnings this week 13 ↓5</p> <p>Total Summary Offence tickets 42 =</p> <p>Tickets this week 0 =</p>

Highlights

- Continuing to see a reduction in Isolation Centre use since January 5 payment policy change
- Air Tindi has increased within territory flights which has led to an increase in the number of flights screened in Hay River

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

- [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.
- [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.
- [Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol](#) (Amended December 1, 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. The written amendment includes orders from the CPHO removing the Nunavut bubble and including new self-isolation requirements.

Current Situation

Start of reporting period: March 20, 2020

As of February 23, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. the Department of Health and Social Services' (HSS) [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reports:

Completed Tests	Tests Pending	Active Cases	Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Vaccine Given (Dose 1)	Vaccine Given (Dose 2)
14,235	46	5	47	42	14,520	1,934

- The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until March 2, 2021.
- On December 10, 2020 the Federal government announced that the NWT will receive enough of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to immunize 75% of the population.
- On January 4, 2021 the Department of Health & Social Services updated the [NWT Vaccine Strategy](#), a guiding document to successfully communicate, plan, and distribute the vaccine. The [COVID Vaccine schedule](#) outlines when residents of the 33 NWT communities can expect to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

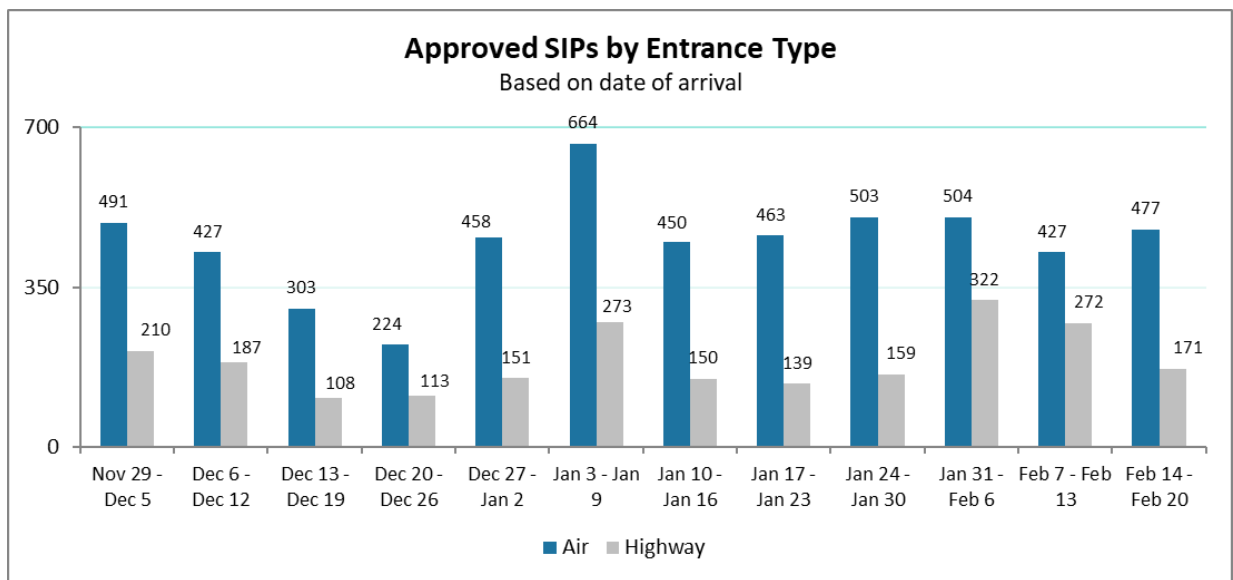
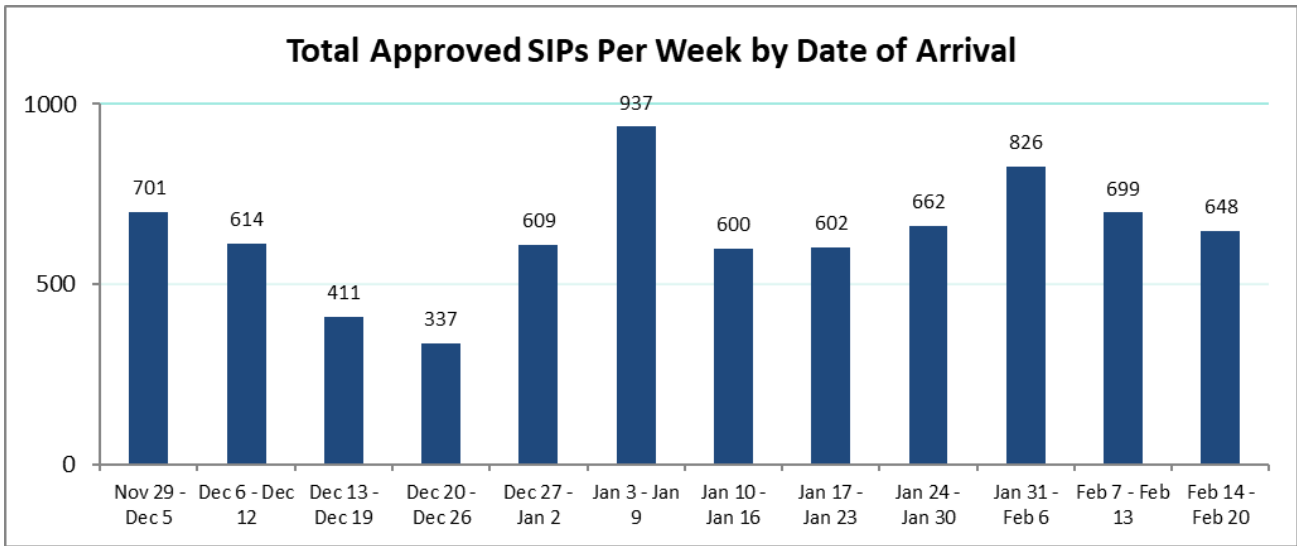
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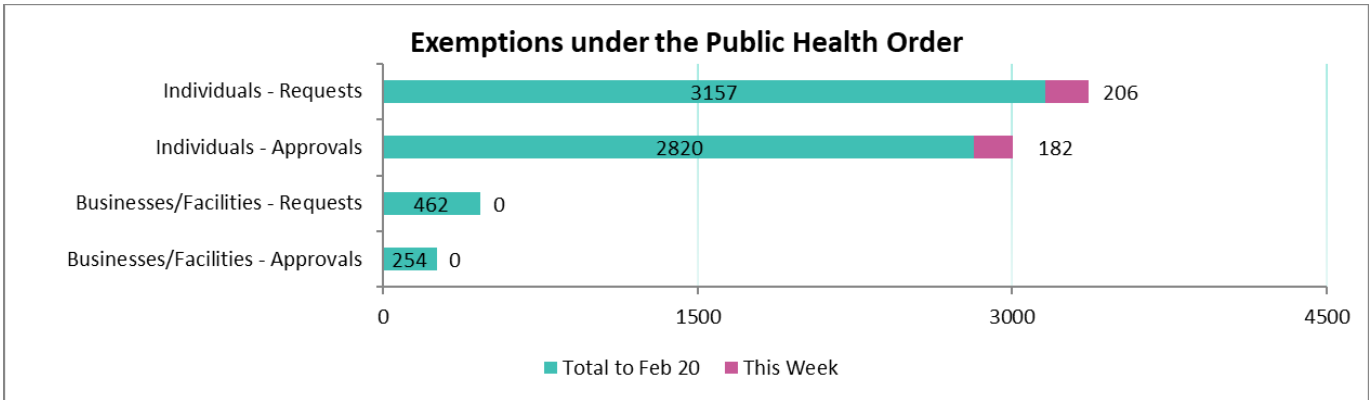
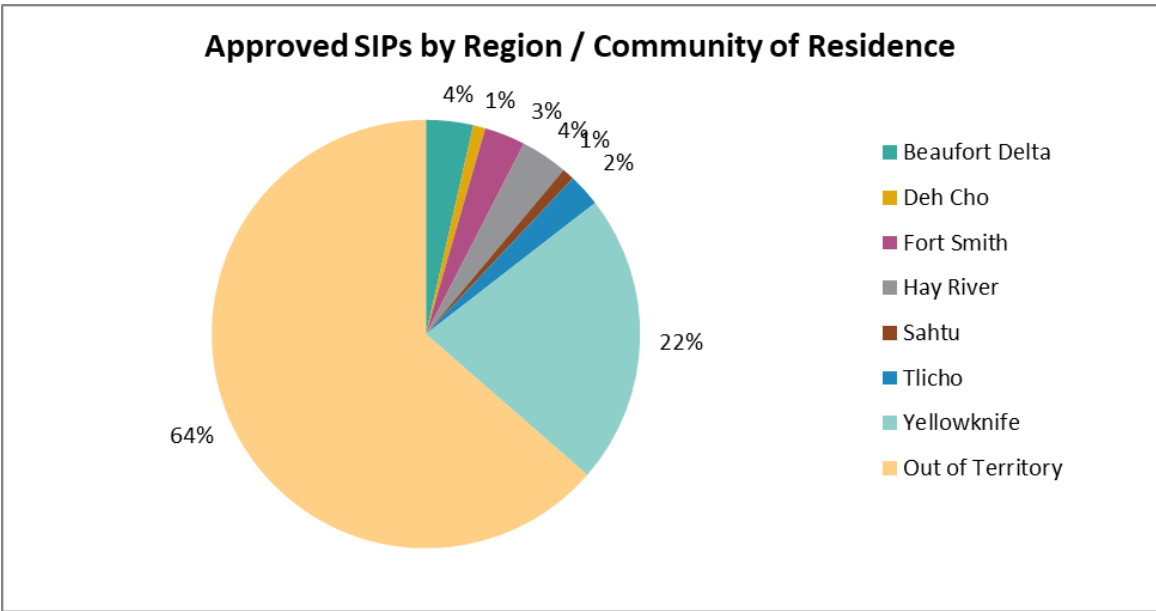
Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

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

SIP Applications

Total SIPs submitted to ProtectNWT: 35,898
 Total Number of SIPS pending approval: 234

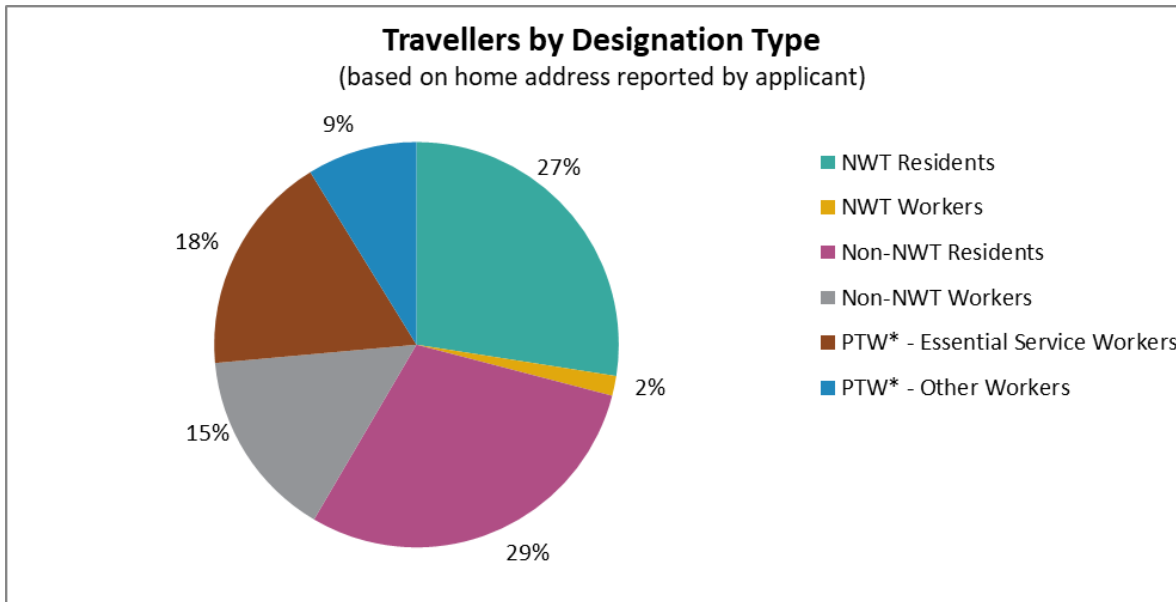




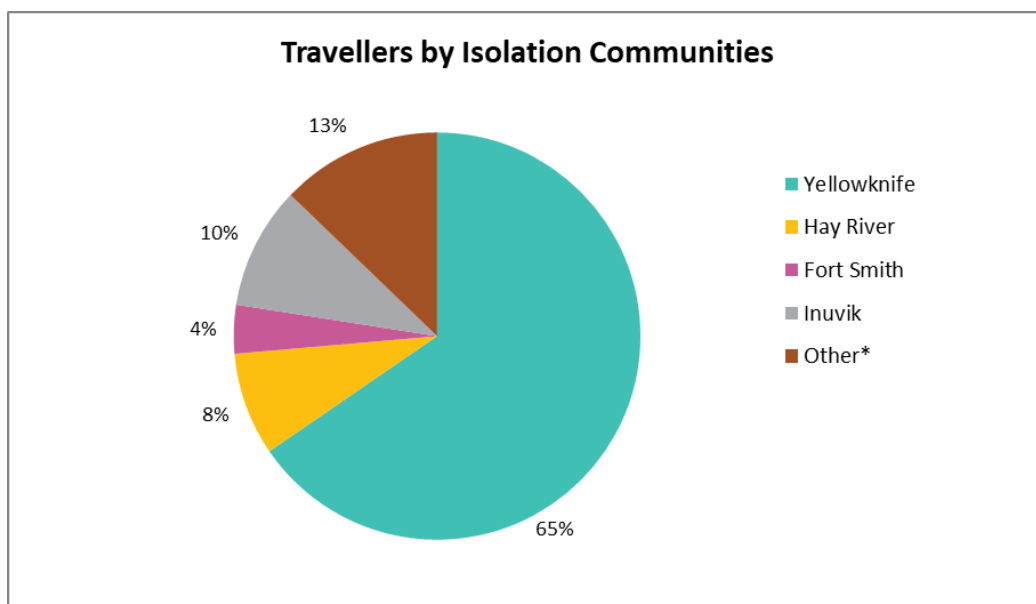
Current Travellers

People Currently Isolating: 1,456

***Note:** due to changes in the way the data is tracked, this number has been under reported for the past 4 weeks. The correct number for the February 17 report is 1,585 and for the February 10 report is 1,634. Accurate numbers are not available for the other two weeks but the estimate for the February 3 report is 1,300 and for the January 27 report is 1,250.



* PTW – Permission to Work



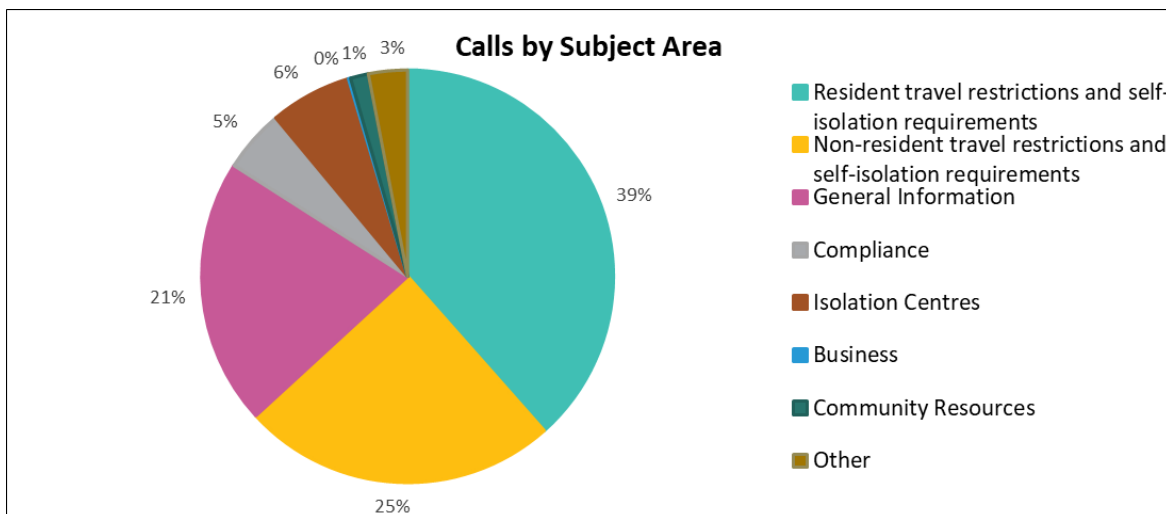
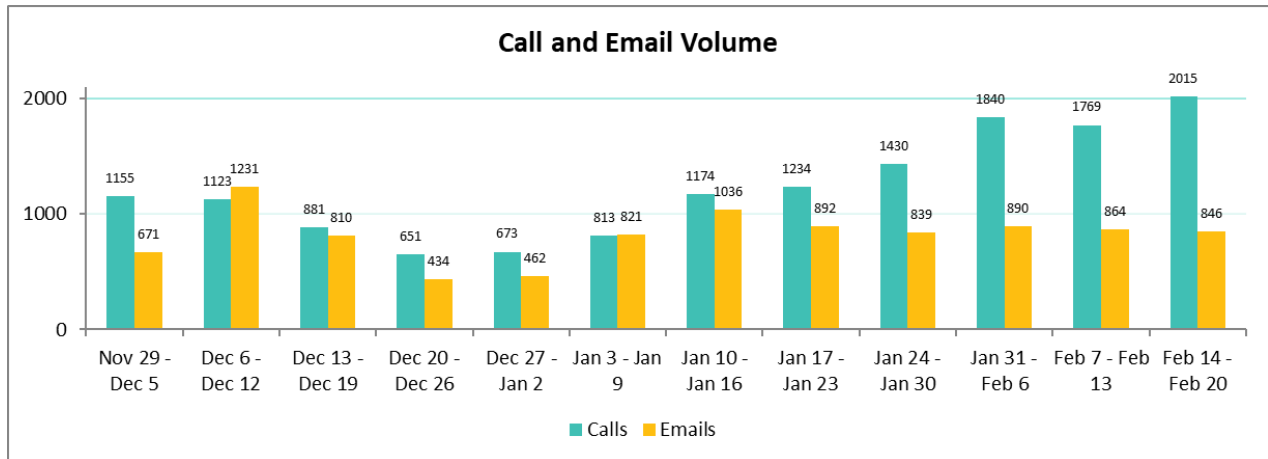
* Other – Essential Service Workers, urgent circumstances

COVID Operations Call Centre

Start of reporting period: March 27, 2020

The COVID Operations Call Centre was established to improve services for businesses and residents. Reporting data includes calls and emails for ProtectNWT and 8-1-1.

Total calls and emails received last week: 2,861

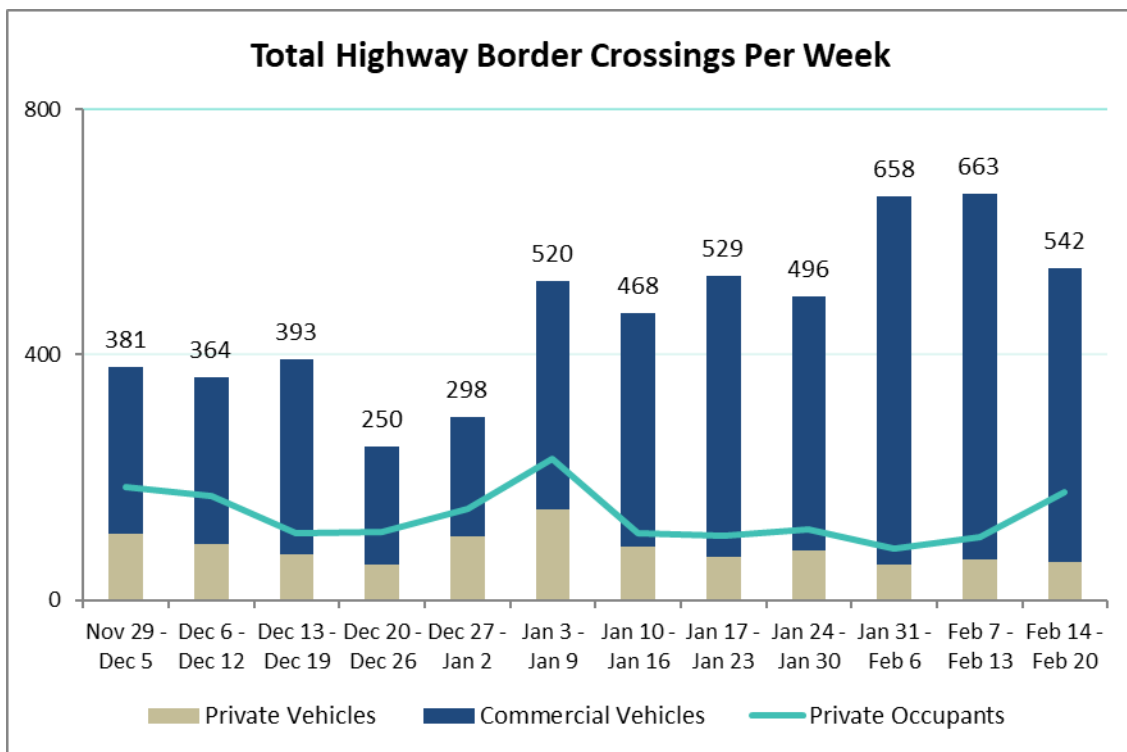


Highway Borders

Start of reporting period: March 31, 2020

Travellers using border crossings are subject to conditions of the December 1, 2020 Public Health Order.

Total Vehicle entering the NWT: 20,799
 Total Private Vehicles: 6,772
 Total Private Occupants: 11,652
 Total Commercial Vehicles: 14,027



* Note: Local traffic identified in the chart below is not included in this graph.

Weekly Highway Border Activity

Border Access		Jan 3 - Jan 9	Jan 10 - Jan 16	Jan 17 - Jan 23	Jan 24 - Jan 30	Jan 31 - Feb 6	Feb 7 - Feb 13	Feb 14 - Feb 20
Hwy 1	Private vehicles	141	82	62	77	51	58	57
	Private Occupants	221	105	89	111	79	88	83
	Commercial vehicles	318	331	408	354	547	544	426
	Total Cross-Border	459	413	470	431	598	602	483
Hwy 5	Local traffic only*	306	360	323	330	301	277	286
Hwy 7	Private vehicles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Private Occupants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial vehicles	3	3	1	1	18	3	2
	Total Cross-Border	3	4	1	1	18	3	2
Hwy 8	Local traffic only*	33	36	54	35	65	65	39
	Private vehicles	6	4	9	4	6	8	5
	Private Occupants	9	4	17	5	6	14	94
	Commercial vehicles	52	47	49	60	36	50	52
	Total Cross-Border	58	51	58	64	42	58	57

Highway 1 (NWT/Alberta border): checkpoint continues to be open to private and commercial vehicles.

Highway 5 (Fort Smith): is open; however all vehicles have been local traffic under the guidelines of the [Fort Smith Border Protocol](#).

Highway 7 (Fort Liard): Private vehicles may schedule exits on Tuesdays and Fridays but must re-enter the NWT through Highway 1 or 8. The checkpoint also facilitates the movement of essential services into the NWT.

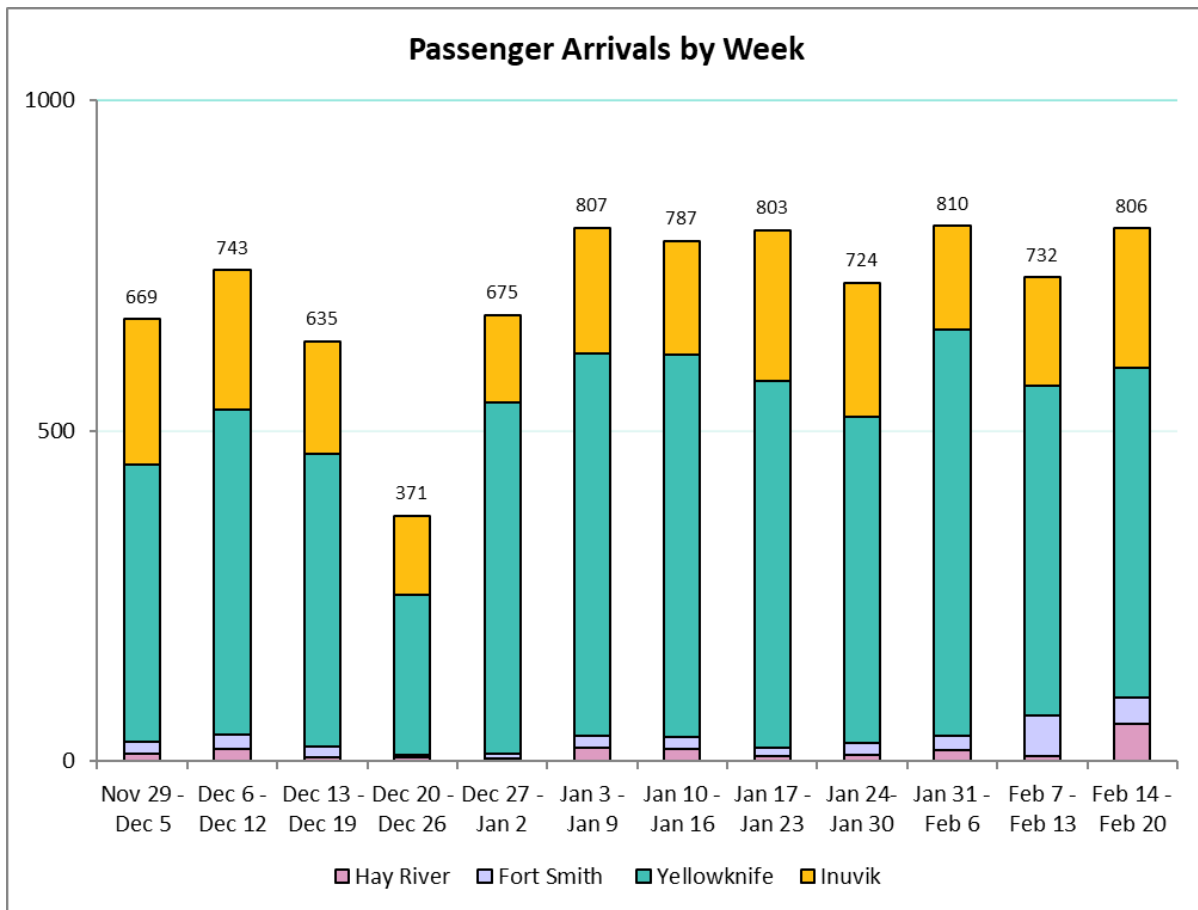
Highway 8 (Fort McPherson): On November 19, 2020 the Mackenzie River ice crossing at km 143 on Highway 8 opened. As of January 12, 2021 both the Mackenzie River and the Peel River ice crossings are open to vehicles weighing up to 64,000 kgs.

Airport Borders

Start of reporting period: March 27, 2020

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.

Community	Total Flights This Week	Passengers This Week	Total Passengers
Hay River	10	57	635
Fort Smith	8	40	768
Yellowknife	26	498	17,986
Inuvik	6	211	7,831
Total	50	806	27,220



Isolation Centres

Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

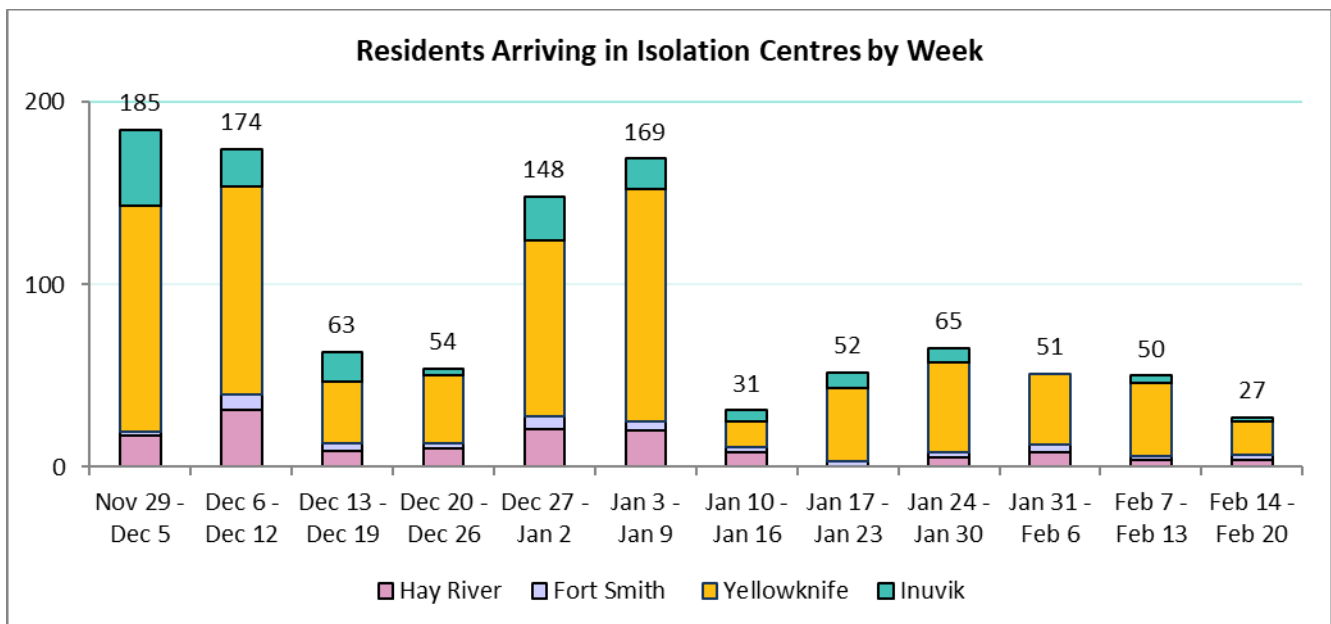
Isolation centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents that are required to [self-isolate](#) under the Public Health Order.

Effective January 5, 2021 the GNWT no longer covers the cost for isolation centre stays related to discretionary or personal travel. The GNWT continues to cover costs for isolation centre stays related to medical travel, medically-advised self-isolation, compassionate travel, returning students, legally required travel, and exceptional, unique or unforeseen circumstances.

Total Isolation Centre Check Ins: 5,332
 NWT Resident Check Ins since Jan 5: 316

Currently, isolation centres have:

Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	6	7	741
Fort Smith	3	3	178
Yellowknife	47	67	3,538
Inuvik	8	9	789
Total NWT	64	86	5,246



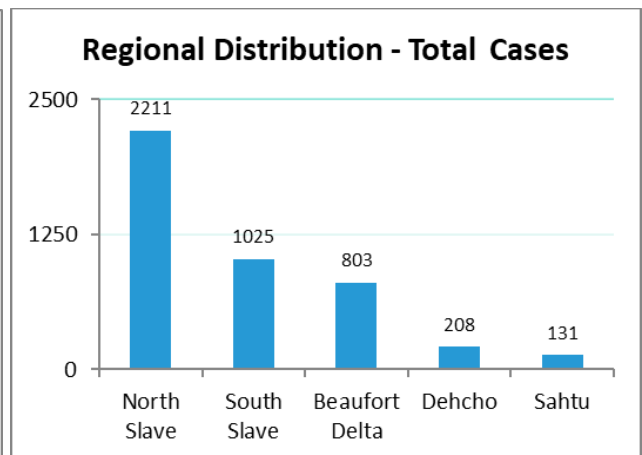
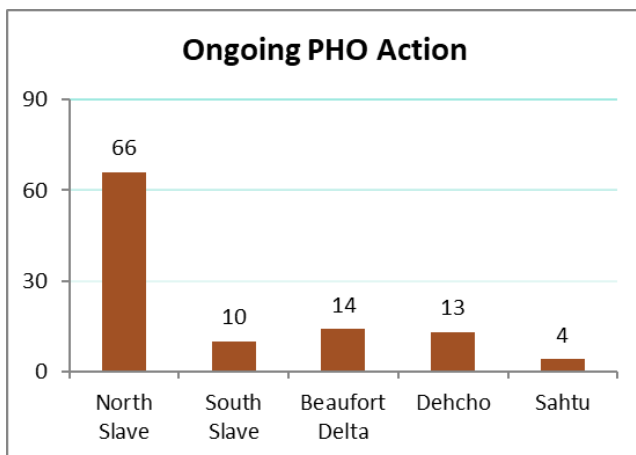
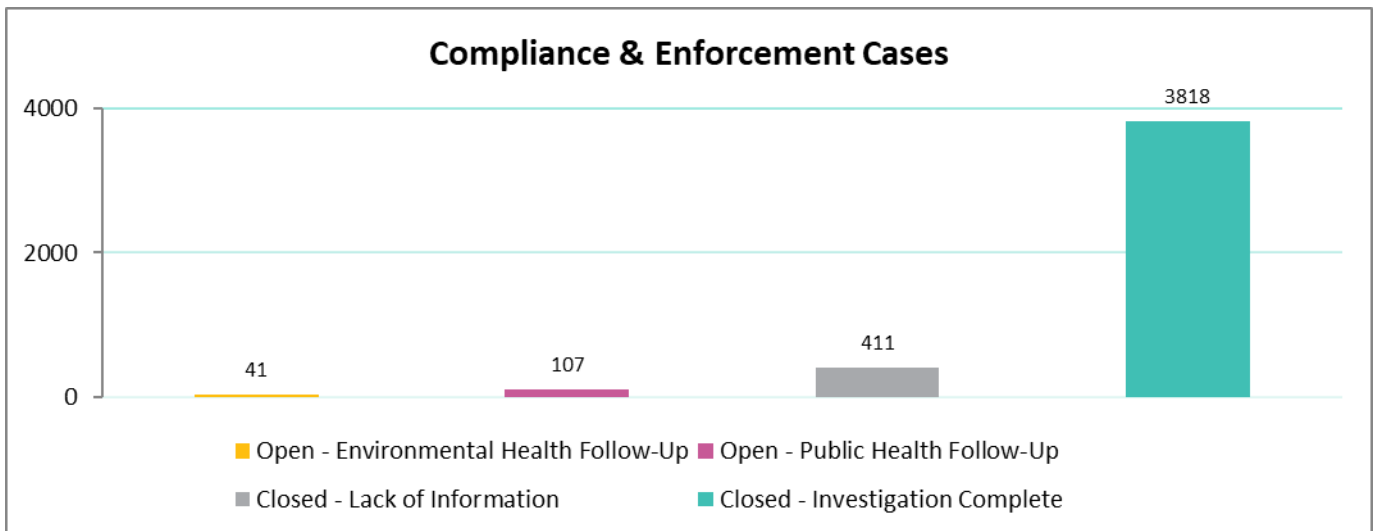
Compliance and Enforcement

Start of reporting period: March 26, 2020

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

Total cases: 4,378
 Last week: New cases: 86
 Closed cases: 83

Note: A case can be either a complaint or an inquiry



Investigations and Warnings by Region

	Beaufort Delta	Sahtu	Dehcho	North Slave	South Slave
Cases	803	131	208	2,211	1,025
Verbal Warnings	238	10	30	238	193
Written Warnings	10	15	5	11	11
Total CET calls/emails received					4,378
Total Warnings (verbal & written)					761
Total Summary Offence Tickets					42

- Compliance and Enforcement Operations (CEO) has issued:
 - 40 summary offence tickets (SOTI) for failure to self-isolate or follow a Public Health Order, each with a fine of \$1,725.
 - One SOTI for knowingly providing false information to a Public Health Officer, with a fine of \$500.
 - One SOTI to a business, with a fine of \$5,175.
- In the past week, there were no new charges issued.
- Since mid-April 2020, Regional Leads and CEO Officers have visited all 33 NWT communities, and have a Regional Lead or CEO Officer presence in the following communities: Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Simpson, Fort Resolution, Fort Liard, Yellowknife, Norman Wells, Fort McPherson, Tulita and Inuvik.
 - In the past week, CEO Officers were in the following communities for enforcement or to visit with local leadership; Jean Marie River.
- Supply Chain
 - Three warnings to supply chain, all in the South Slave; and
 - Three discussions/education to supply chain, one in Beaufort Delta and two in the North Slave.

