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Current Situation	March 20, 2020
Protect NWT	March 21, 2020
COVID Operations Call Centre	March 27, 2020
Highway Borders	March 31, 2020
Airport Borders	March 27, 2020
Isolation Centres	March 21, 2020
Compliance and Enforcement	March 26, 2020

Quick Facts

For December 13 – January 2, 2021

Current Situation			
Completed tests	9,999	Confirmed cases	24 ↑
Tests completed since Dec 12	1,113	Cases since Dec 12	3
Pending tests	36 ↓	Recovered cases	24 =
Protect NWT		COVID Call Centre	
SIPs submitted	30,966	Total calls this week	673 ↓
SIPs processed since Dec 12	1,795	Total calls since Dec 12	2,205
Pending	283 ↓	Total emails this week	462 ↓
Travellers self-isolating	1,218 ↑	Total emails since Dec 12	1,706
Highways		Airports	
Total vehicle crossings	16,923	Total passengers	21,751
Total private vehicles since Dec 12	236	Total passengers –Dec 12	1,681
Total commercial vehicles –Dec 12	705	Passengers this week	675 ↓
Hwy 1 this week	256 ↓	Flights screened since Dec 12	121
Hwy 5 this week	0 =	Flights screened this week	40 ↓
Hwy 7 this week	1 ↓		
Hwy 8 this week	41 ↑		
Isolation Centres		New Guests this week	
Total stays	4,874	Hay River	30 ↓
New guests since Dec 12	253	Fort Smith	9 =
Current guests	192 ↓	Yellowknife	130 ↑
		Inuvik	23 ↑
Compliance and Enforcement		Investigations:	
Total cases since start	3,784	Verbal and written warnings	632
Cases since Dec 12	244	Warnings since Dec 12	73
Opened this week	47 ↓	Warnings this week	21 ↓
Closed this week	32 ↓		
		Total Summary Offence tickets	38
		Tickets issued since Dec 12	2
		Tickets this week	0 =

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.
- [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](#) (As 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

As of January 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. the Department of Health and Social Services' (HSS) [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reports:

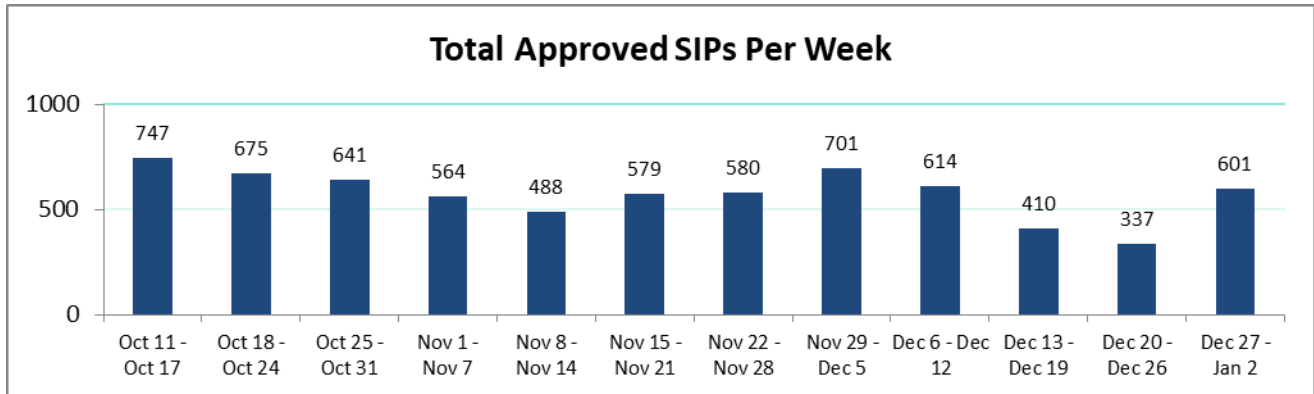
Completed Tests	Negative Tests	Tests Pending	Confirmed Cases	Recovered
9,999	9,975	36	24	24

- The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until January 19, 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.

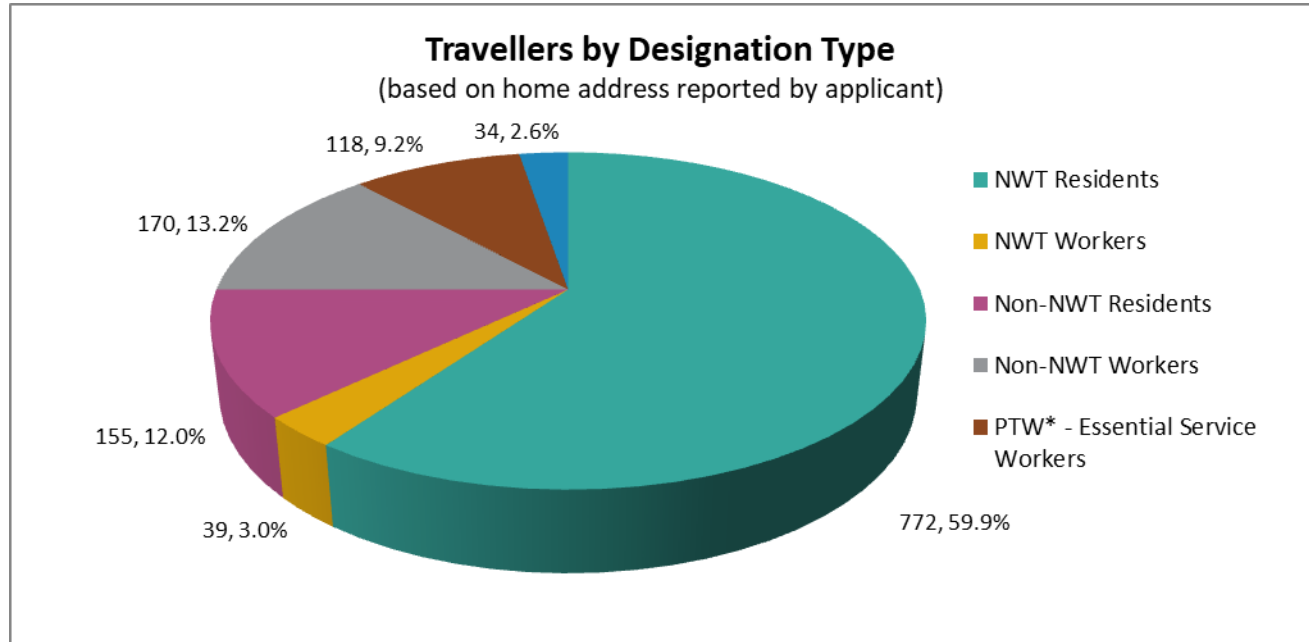
Protect NWT

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 [Protect NWT](#) and submit symptom checks on the 2nd, 6th, 10th, and 14th days of self-isolation.

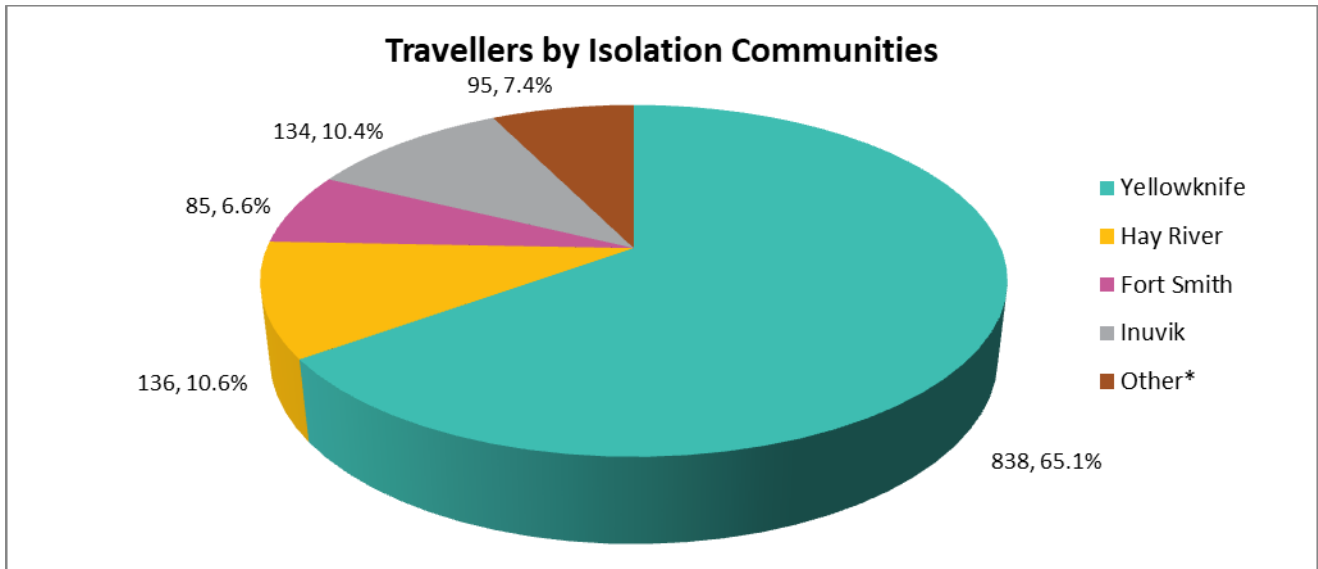
As of January 2, 2021, 30,966 self-isolation plans (SIPs) have been submitted to Protect NWT and 283 are pending approval.



1,218 travellers are currently within their 14 day self-isolation period.

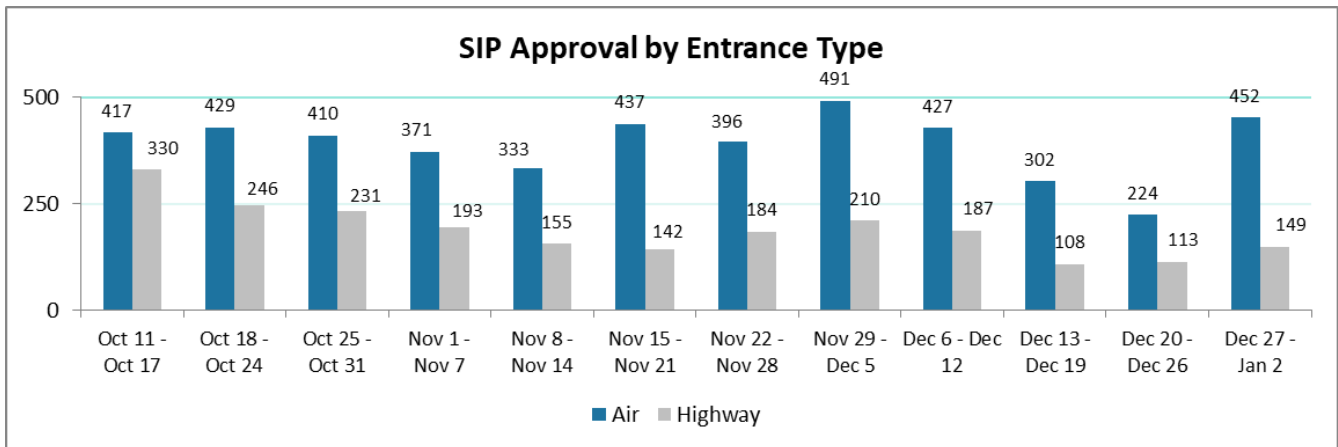


* PTW – Permission to Work



* Other – Essential Service Workers, exigent circumstances

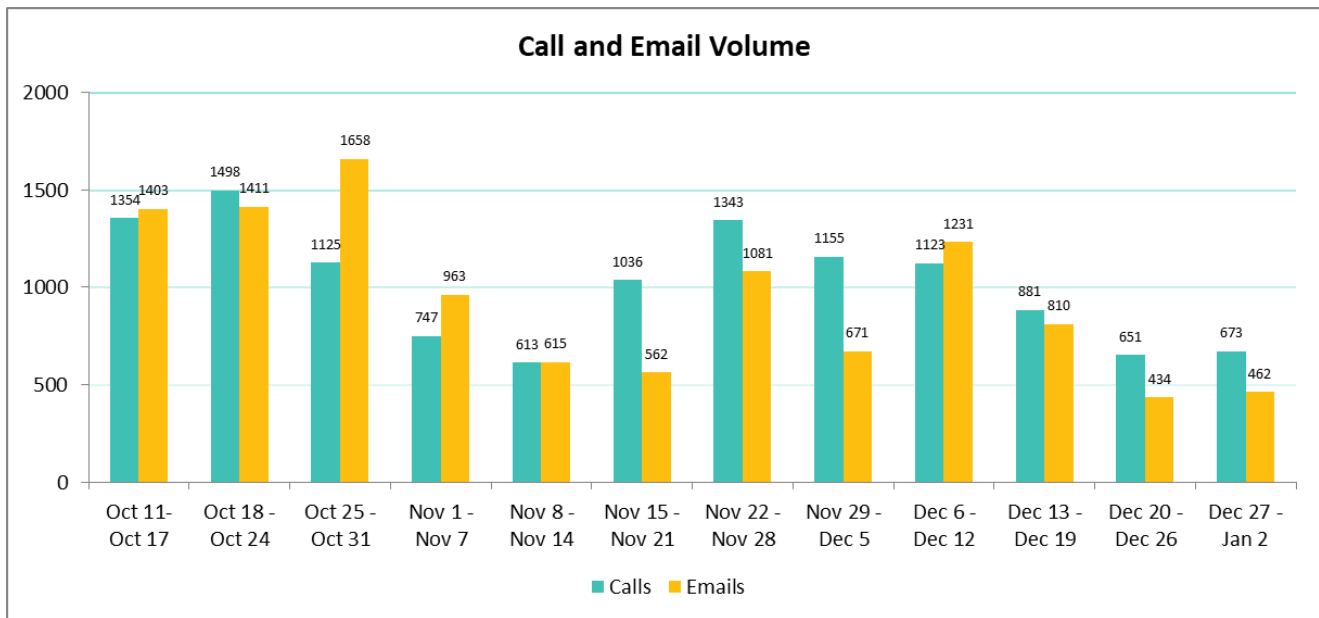
Travellers enter the NWT through a highway or airport border. Since the end of August, there have been more people apply to fly rather than drive into the NWT.



COVID Operations Call Centre

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

Between December 13, 2020 and January 2, 2021, 3,911 calls and emails were answered at the Call Centre.



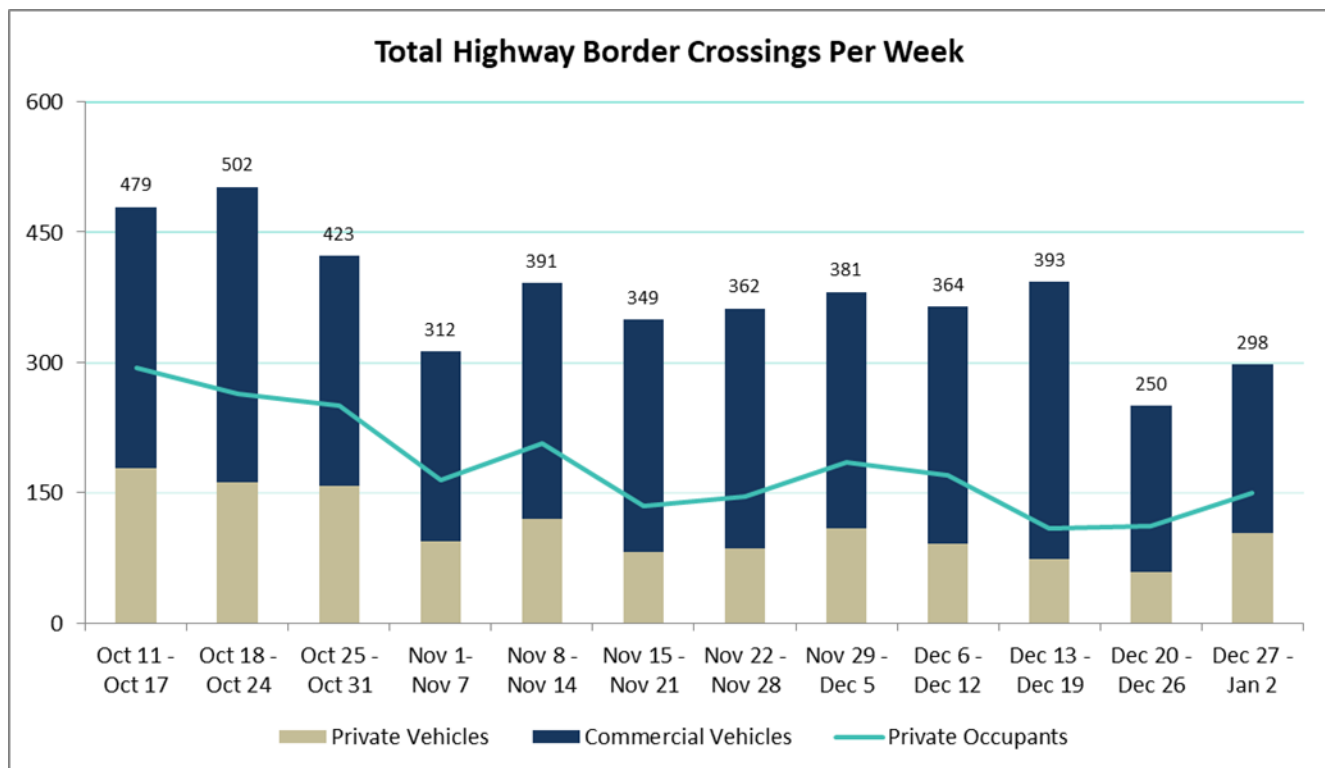
Over 46% of calls and emails received between December 13, 2020 and January 2, 2021 originated from one of the four hub communities. An additional 46% of calls and emails during that period were from other NWT communities. The remaining 7% of calls and emails originated from outside of the NWT.

Community	Total Calls and Emails	%
Hay River	214	5.5%
Fort Smith	96	2.5%
Yellowknife	1,335	34.1%
Inuvik	173	4.4%
Outside of hub community	1,808	46.2%
Outside the NWT	285	7.3%
Total	3,911	

Highway Borders

Travellers using border crossings are subject to conditions of the December 1, 2020 Public Health Order. As of January 2, 2021 there have been 16,923 total vehicles cross the NWT border. This includes 6,186 private vehicles with 10,722 private occupants, and 10,727 commercial vehicles.

- The checkpoint for Highway 1 (NWT/Alberta border) continues to be open to private and commercial vehicles.
- The Highway 5 checkpoint (Fort Smith) is open; however all vehicles thus far (200 vehicles this week), have been local traffic under the guidelines of the [Fort Smith Border Protocol](#).
- On November 19, 2020 the Mackenzie River ice crossing at km 143 on Highway 8 opened. As of December 22 it is open to vehicles weighing up to 35,000 kgs and the Peel River ice crossing is open to vehicles weighing up to 64,000 kgs. 24 locals crossed the checkpoint this week and 9 people entered from outside the NWT.
- Private vehicles may schedule exits on Tuesdays and Fridays from the Highway 7 checkpoint (Fort Liard), but must re-enter the NWT through Highway 1 or 8. The checkpoint also facilitates the movement of essential services into the NWT.



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

Weekly Highway Border Activity

Border Access		Nov 22 – Nov 28	Nov 29 – Dec 5	Dec 6 – Dec 12	Dec 13 – Dec 19	Dec 20 – Dec 26	Dec 27 – Jan 2
Hwy 1	Private vehicles	83	102	87	72	58	98
	Commercial vehicles	273	269	257	302	174	158
	Occupants	140	174	151	105	110	141
	Total Cross-Border	356	371	344	374	232	256
Hwy 5	Local traffic only*	320	357	341	332	258	200**
Hwy 7	Commercial vehicles	3	2	3	1	3	1
	Total Cross-Border	3	2	3	1	3	1
Hwy 8	Local traffic only*	202	192	85	68	39	24
	Private vehicles	3	7	3	2	1	5
	Commercial vehicles	0	1	3	16	14	36
	Occupants	6	11	9	4	1	9
	Total Cross-Border	3	8	6	18	15	41

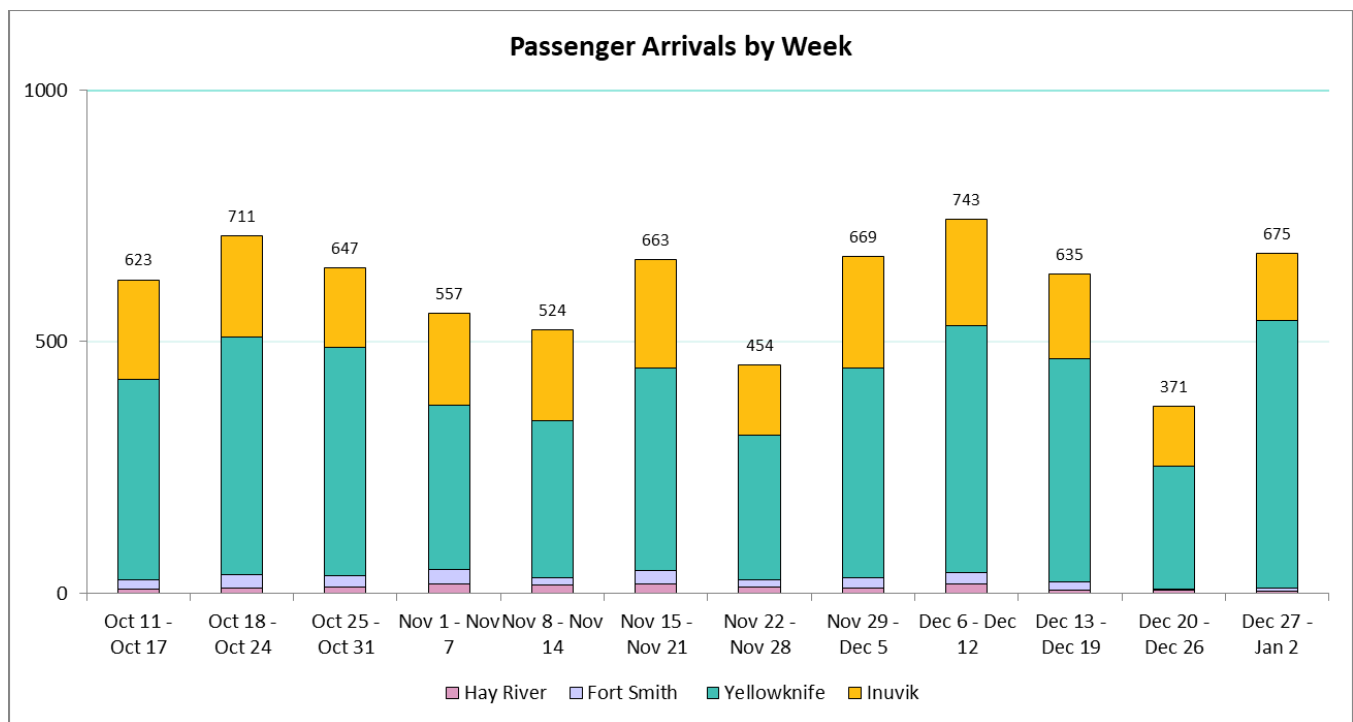
** Hwy 5 data for Jan 2, 2021 was not available at the issuing of this report.

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 January 2, 2021, there have been 21,751 passengers enter the NWT. Between December 13, 2020 and January 2, 2021, COVID Secretariat staff successfully screened 121 arriving flights.

Community	This Week	Total Passengers	% of Traffic
Hay River	4	498	2.3%
Fort Smith	7	578	2.7%
Yellowknife	531	14,168	65.1%
Inuvik	133	6,507	29.9%
Total	675	21,751	



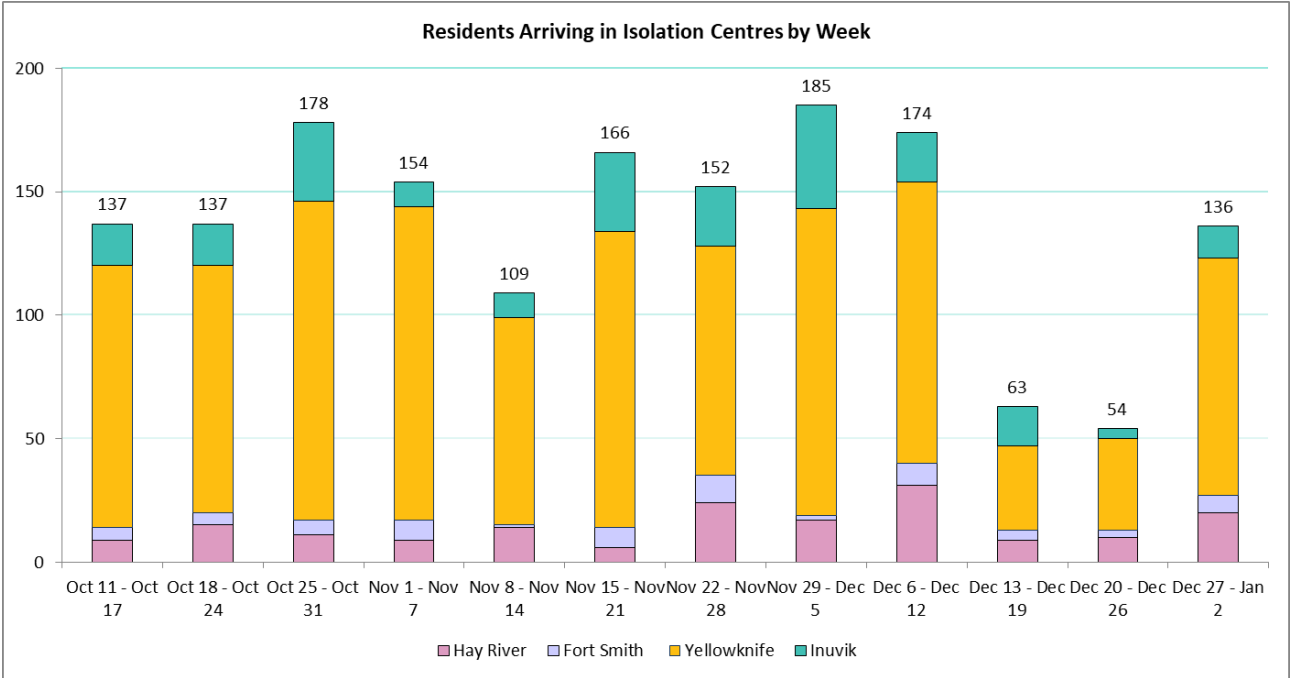
Isolation Centres

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.

Effective January 5, 2020 the GNWT will no longer cover costs for isolation centre stays related to discretionary or personal travel. The GNWT will continue 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.

As of January 2, 2021, 4,874 travellers have stayed in an isolation centre. Currently, isolation centres have:

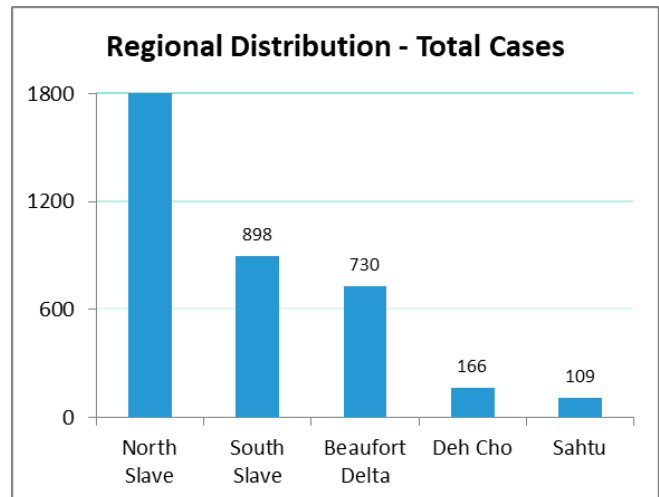
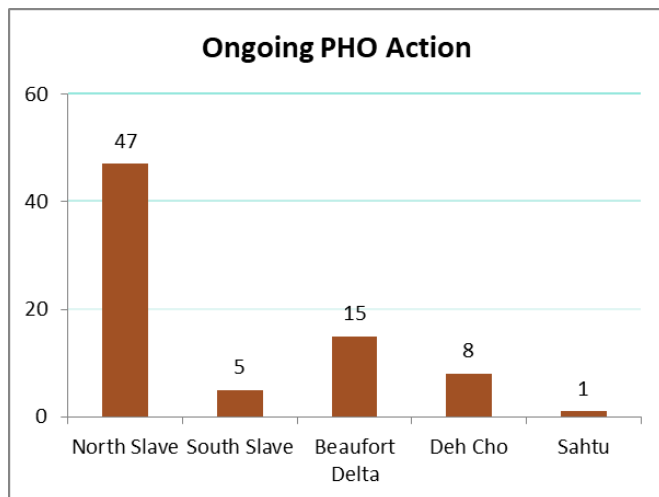
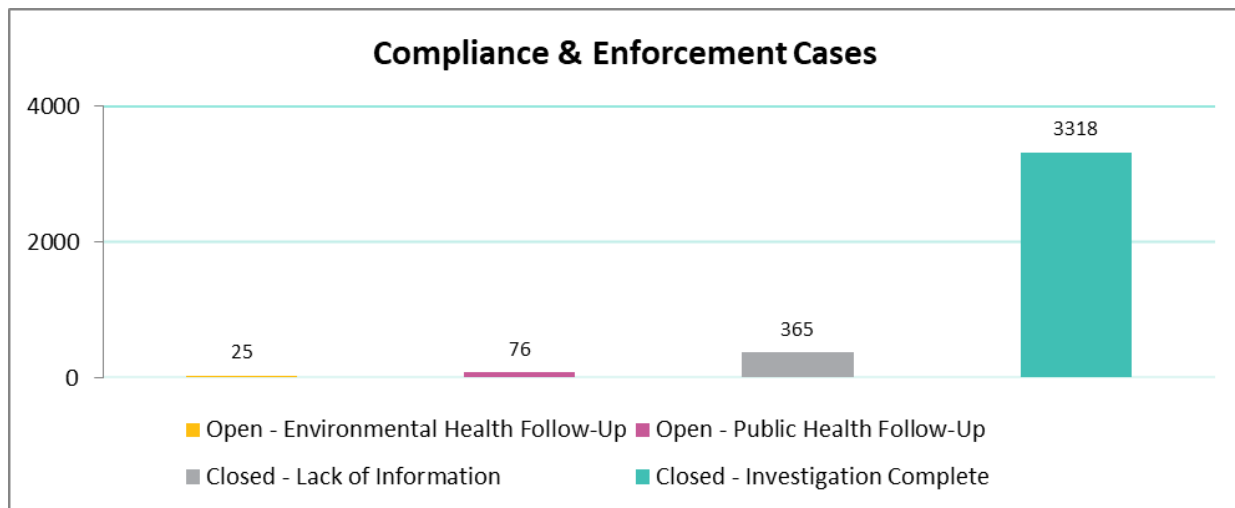
Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	20	30	671
Fort Smith	8	9	149
Yellowknife	111	130	3,126
Inuvik	19	23	736
Total NWT	158	192	4,682

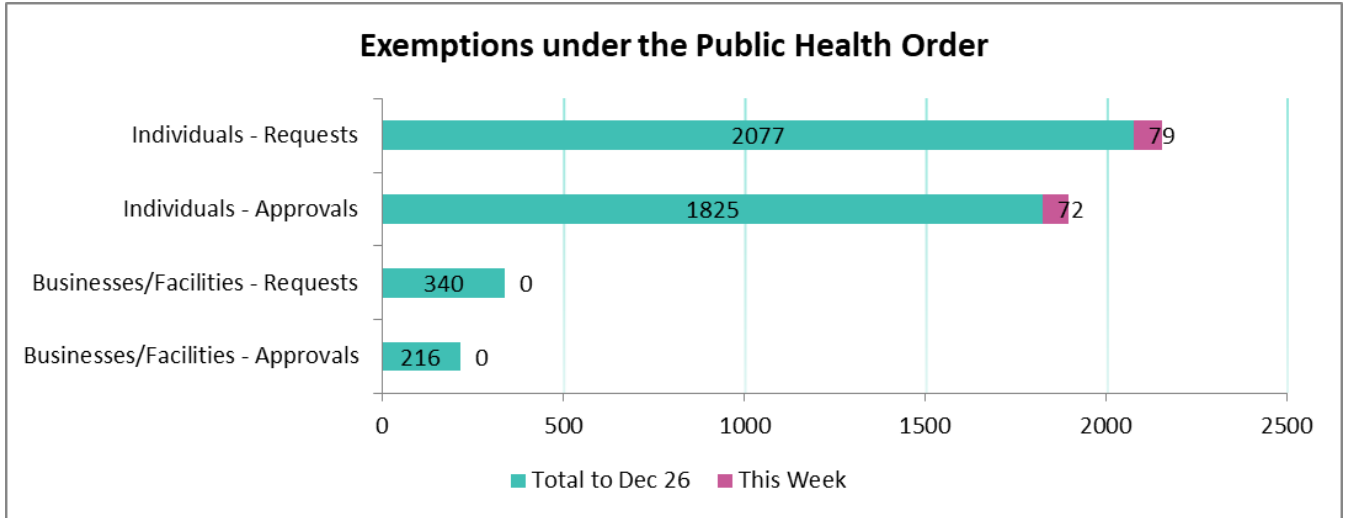
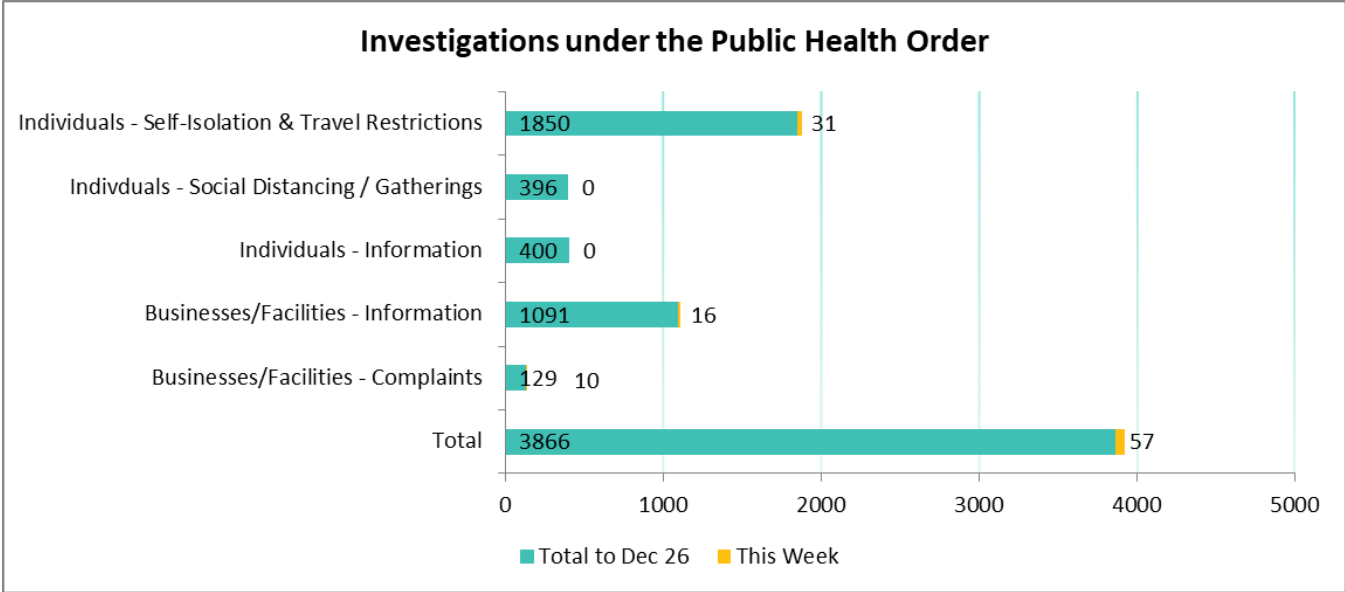


Compliance and Enforcement

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.

As of January 2, 2021, there have been 3,784 total cases. In the last seven days 47 new cases have been opened and 32 cases were closed.





Investigations and Warnings by Region

Region	Cases	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings
Beaufort Delta	730	207	10
Deh Cho	166	17	5
North Slave	1,881	187	11
Sahtu	109	10	15
South Slave	898	159	11
Total CET calls/emails received			3,784
Total Warnings (verbal & written)			632
Total Summary Offence Tickets			38

- Compliance and Enforcement Operations (CEO) has issued 38 summary offence tickets:
 - 37 tickets issued to individuals, each with a fine of \$1,725.
 - 1 ticket issued to a business, with a fine of \$5,175.
- Between December 13, 2020 and January 2, 2021 there were two new charges, one new charge issued to an individual in the Beaufort Delta region for failure to self-isolate, and the other to a business in North Slave for breaching their approved variance.
- 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 majority of charges have been for failure to self-isolate.
- 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 Liard, Yellowknife, Norman Wells and Inuvik.
- Over the last two weeks CEO Officers visited the following communities for enforcement or to meet with local leadership:
 - December 20 – December 26: Nahanni Butte, Fort Providence, Behchokò, Fort McPherson, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk.
 - December 27 – January 2: Nahanni Butte, Fort Liard, and Wrigley.