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# **Consolidated COVID Statistics Report**

## **COVID Secretariat**

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## Quick Facts

February 28 – March 6, 2021

Note: Arrows indicate increase or decrease from previous week

<b>Current Situation</b> Completed tests <b>14,980</b> Pending tests <b>43</b> ↑33 Confirmed cases <b>47</b> = Recovered cases <b>46</b> ↑2		Vaccines Given (Dose 1) <b>17,057</b> Vaccines Given (Dose 2) <b>11,151</b>	
<b>ProtectNWT</b> SIPs submitted <b>37,734</b> Pending <b>336</b> ↑82 Travellers self-isolating <b>1,658</b> ↑93		<b>COVID Call Centre</b> Total calls this week <b>2,805</b> ↑385 Total emails this week <b>1,203</b> ↑83	
<b>Highways</b> Total vehicle crossings <b>21,999</b> Hwy 1 this week <b>546</b> ↑23 Hwy 5 this week <b>0</b> = Hwy 7 this week <b>5</b> ↑2 Hwy 8 this week <b>68</b> ↑18		<b>Airports</b> Total passengers <b>28,599</b> Passengers this week <b>808</b> ↑118 Flights screened this week <b>34</b> ↓2	
<b>Isolation Centres</b> Total stays <b>5,461</b> Current guests <b>101</b> ↑21 Guests since Jan 5, 2021 <b>408</b> ↑47		<b>New Guests this week</b> Hay River <b>3</b> ↑1 Fort Smith <b>1</b> ↓3 Yellowknife <b>38</b> ↑10 Inuvik <b>5</b> ↓6	
<b>Compliance and Enforcement</b> Total cases since start <b>4,572</b> Opened this week <b>105</b> ↑19 Closed this week <b>66</b> ↓17		<b>Investigations:</b> Verbal and written warnings <b>798</b> Warnings this week <b>20</b> ↑3 Total Summary Offence tickets <b>42</b> = Tickets this week <b>0</b> =	

## Highlights

- ProtectNWT has seen an increase in calls since January due in part to an improvement in data tracking as well as increased calls and emails due to the upcoming March break, ice road trucking season, and exemption requests for Nunavut residents.

## 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 March 9, 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)
14,980	43	1	47	46	17,057	11,151

- The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until March 16, 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.

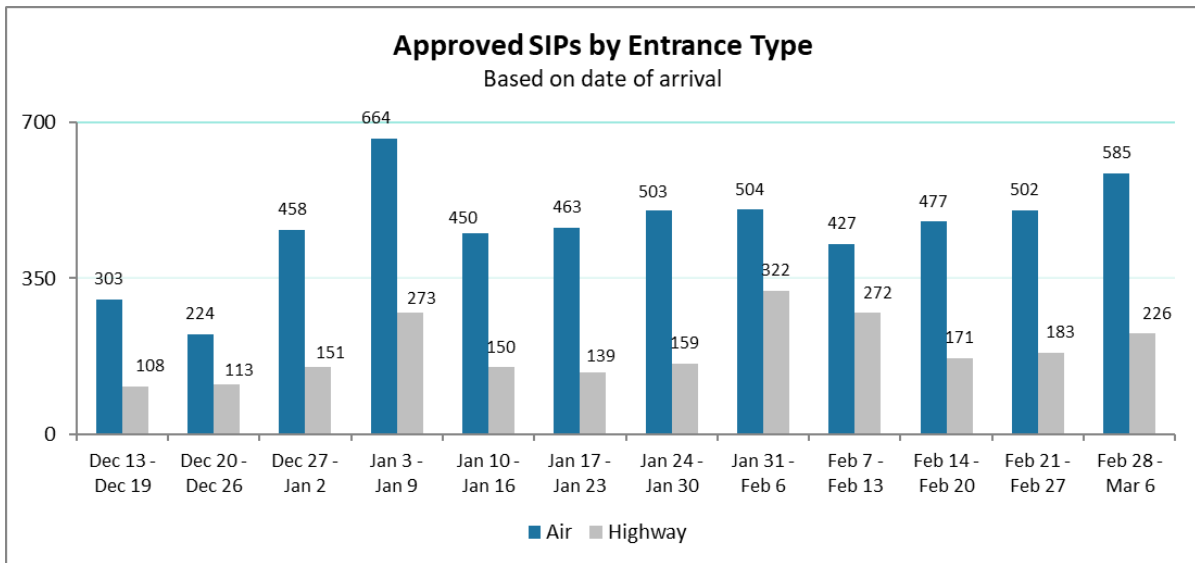
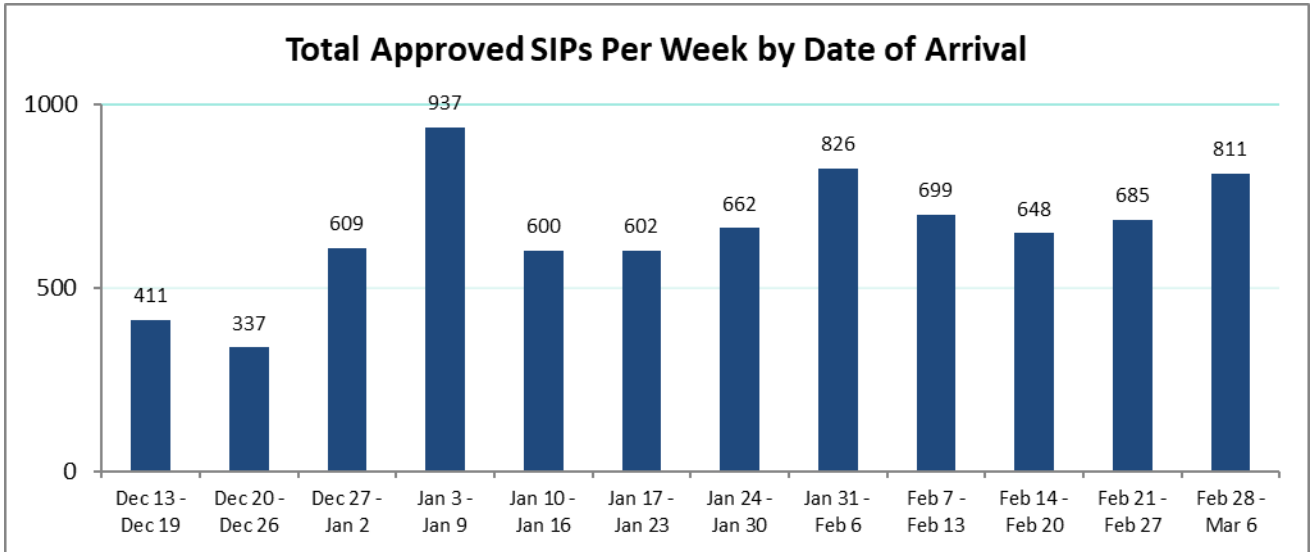
# ProtectNWT

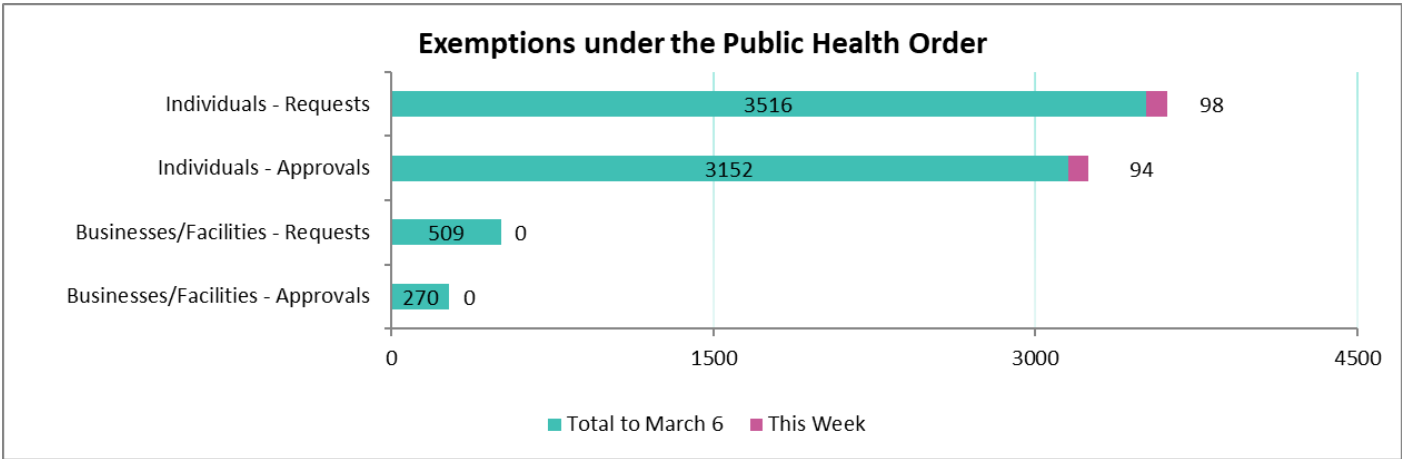
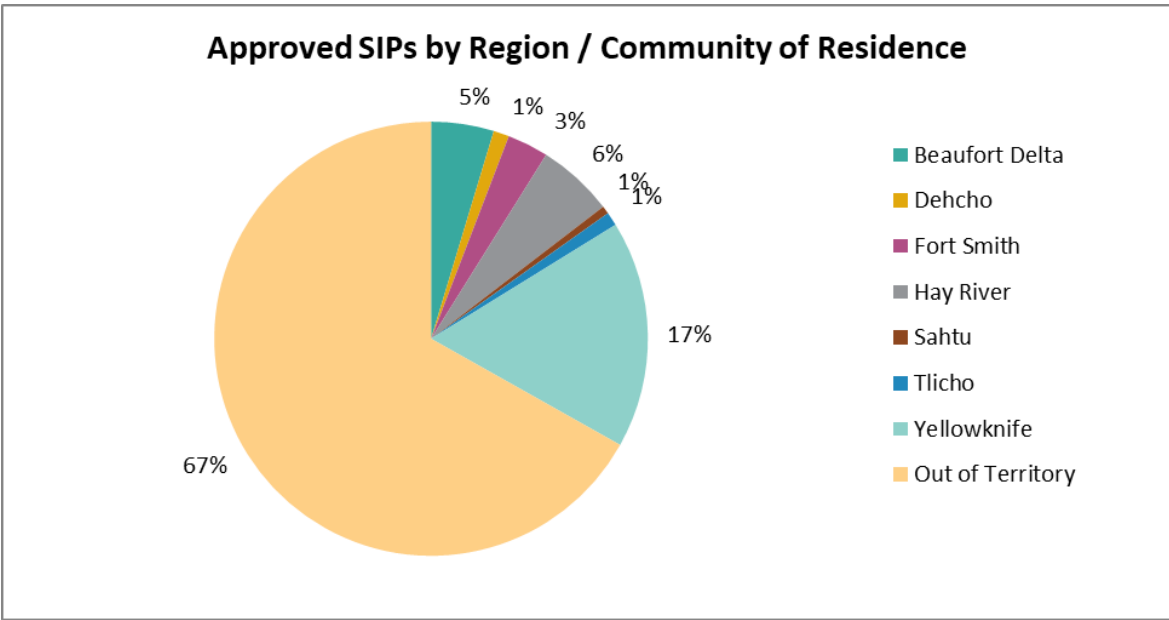
Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> days of self-isolation.

## SIP Applications

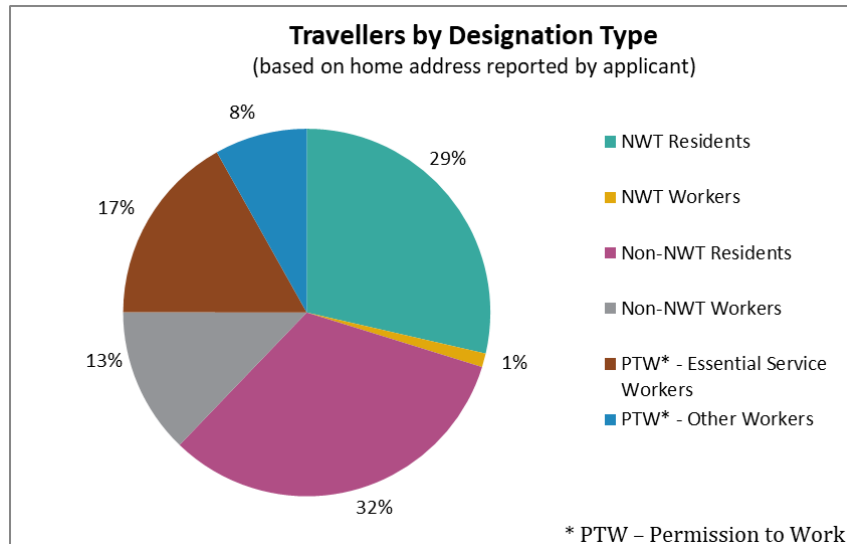
Total SIPs submitted to ProtectNWT: 37,734  
 Total Number of SIPS pending approval: 336





## Current Travellers

People Currently Isolating: 1,658



## Designation Definitions

**NWT Resident:** a person who can prove residency through a Drivers license or GIC or other vetted document.

**NWT Worker:** this is a resident who has asked to work within the first 14 days upon entry back into the NWT. Examples include supply chain and flight crew.

**Non-NWT Resident:** are non-resident persons entering in the NWT for non-work purposes. Examples include family reunification, compassionate reasons or under other extenuating circumstances.

**Non-NWT Worker:** are non-residents entering into the NWT for work purposes. Examples include:

- A. Non-resident supply chain and flight crew who are here for over 36 hours.
- B. Workers who will isolate for the first 14 days before going to work.

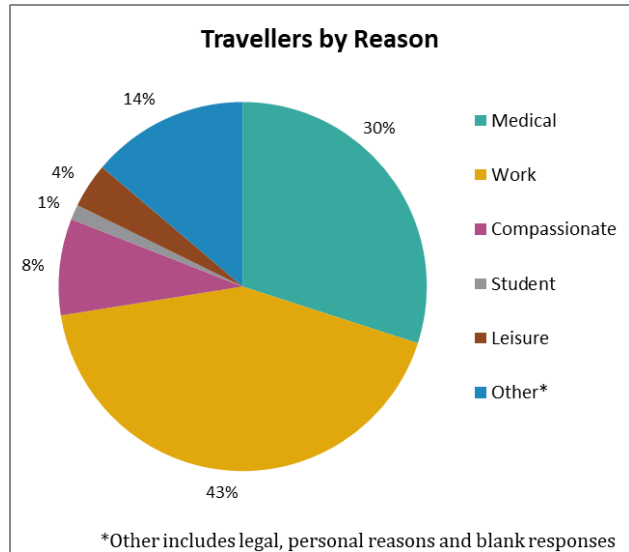
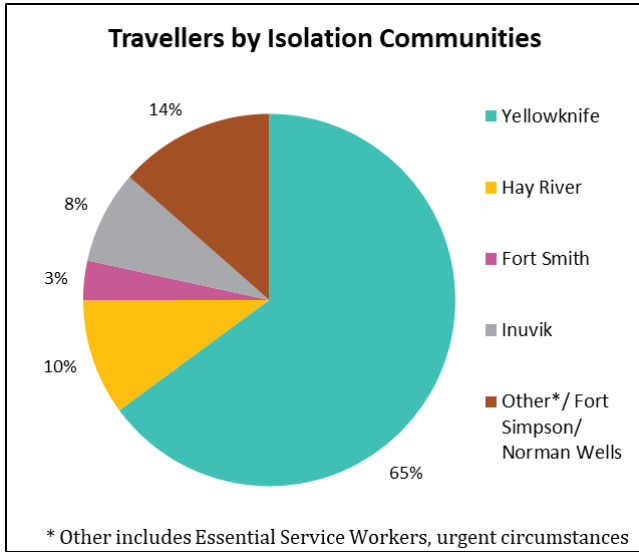
**PTW – Essential Service Worker:** are both residents and non-residents ESWs (as per the categories listed under the order) whose employers have applied for Permission to work.

Examples include:

- A. ESWs under the order who have travelled back to the NWT and wish to work in the first 14 days upon entry into the NWT
- B. ESWs who share a household with a person who has returned from travel out of the NWT and are choosing to isolate at home.

**PTW – Other Worker:** are both residents and non-residents workers who do not fall under the official category of ESWs as per listed under the Order) whose employers have applied for Permission to work. Examples include:

- A. Infrastructure workers and other workers who are essential to their organization but who are not listed as ESWs under the order and have travelled back to the NWT and wish to work in the first 14 days upon entry into the NWT.
- B. Workers including infrastructure workers and other workers (not listed as ESW under the order) who share a household with a person who has returned from travel out of the NWT and are choosing to isolate at home.





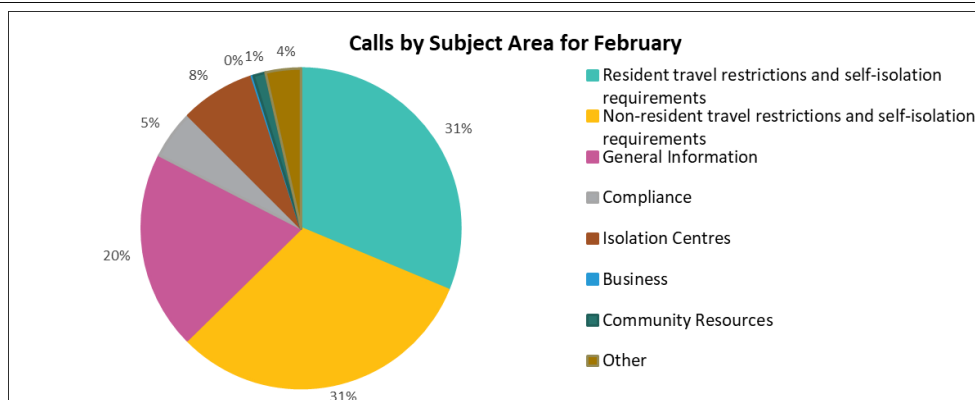
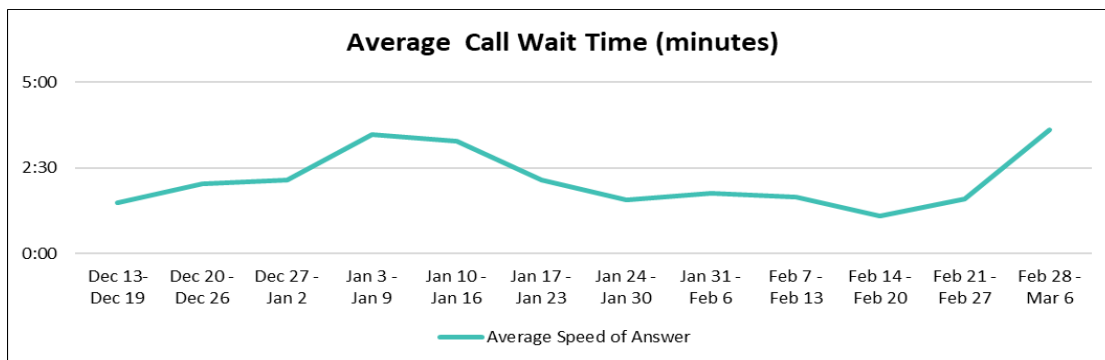
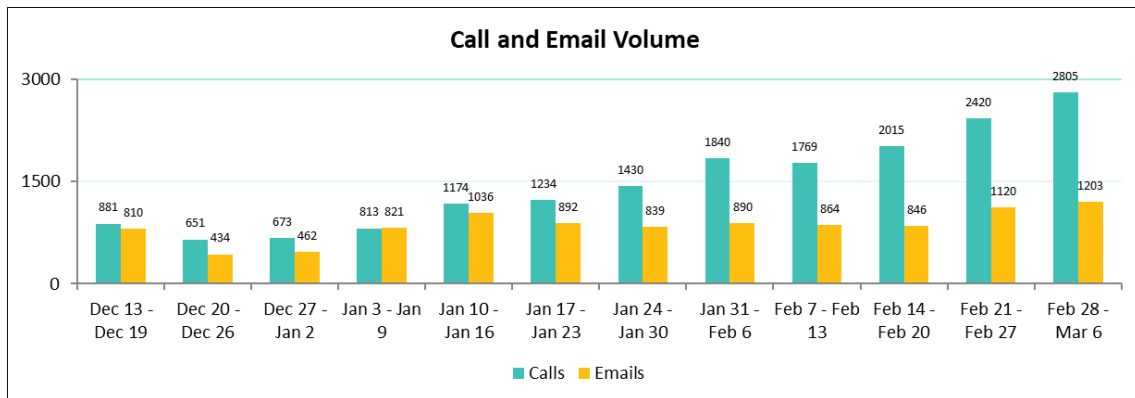
# COVID Operations Call Centre

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: 4,008  
 Calls answered within 10 seconds: 31%

ProtectNWT has seen an increase in calls since January due in part to an improvement in data tracking as well as increased calls and emails due to the upcoming March break, ice road trucking season, and exemption requests for Nunavut residents.

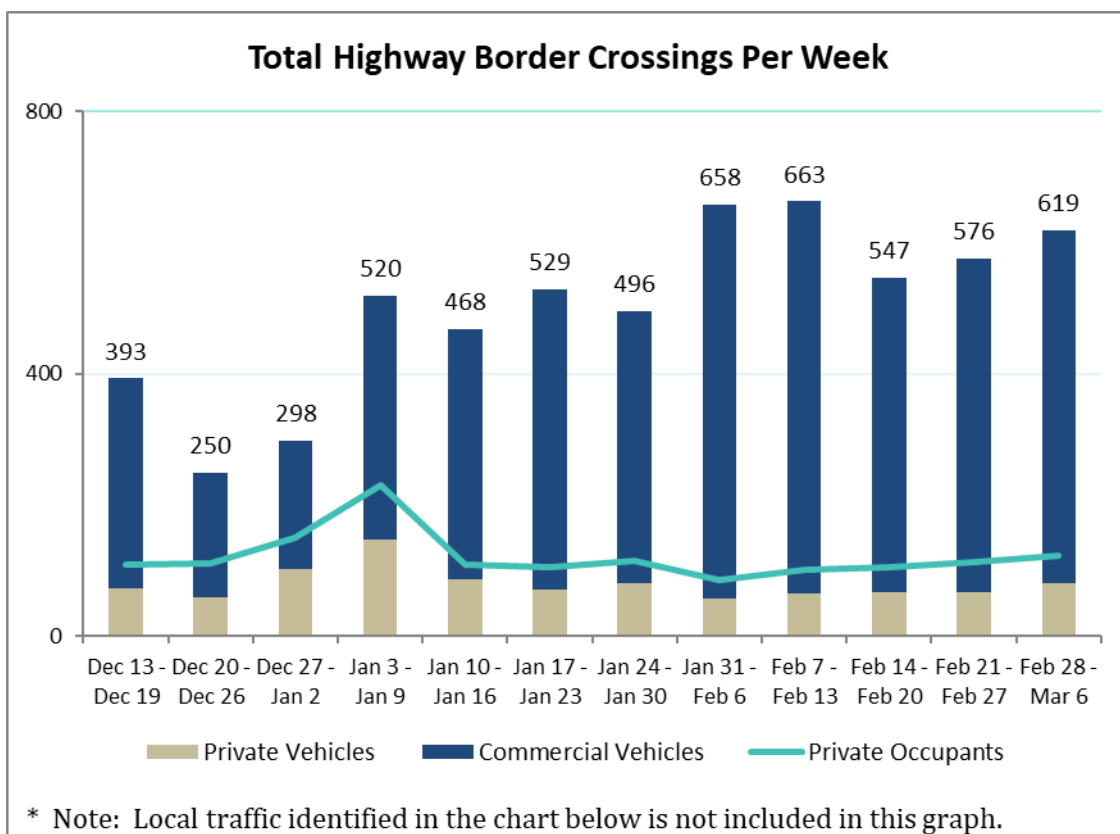


# Highway Borders

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: 21,999  
 Total Private Vehicles: 6,926  
 Total Private Occupants: 11,817  
 Total Commercial Vehicles: 15,073



## Weekly Highway Border Activity

Border Access		Jan 17 - Jan 23	Jan 24 - Jan 30	Jan 31 - Feb 6	Feb 7 - Feb 13	Feb 14 - Feb 20	Feb 21 - Feb 27	Feb 28 - Mar 6
<b>Hwy 1</b>	Private vehicles	62	77	51	58	57	62	71
	Private Occupants	89	111	79	88	83	106	108
	Commercial vehicles	408	354	547	544	426	461	475
	<b>Total Cross-Border</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>546</b>
<b>Hwy 5</b>	Local traffic only*	323	330	301	277	286	334	301
<b>Hwy 7</b>	Private vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Private Occupants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Commercial vehicles	1	1	18	3	2	3	5
	<b>Total Cross-Border</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Hwy 8</b>	Local traffic only*	54	35	65	65	34	38	48
	Private vehicles	9	4	6	8	10	6	10
	Private Occupants	17	5	6	14	22	7	16
	Commercial vehicles	49	60	36	50	52	44	58
	<b>Total Cross-Border</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>

**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.

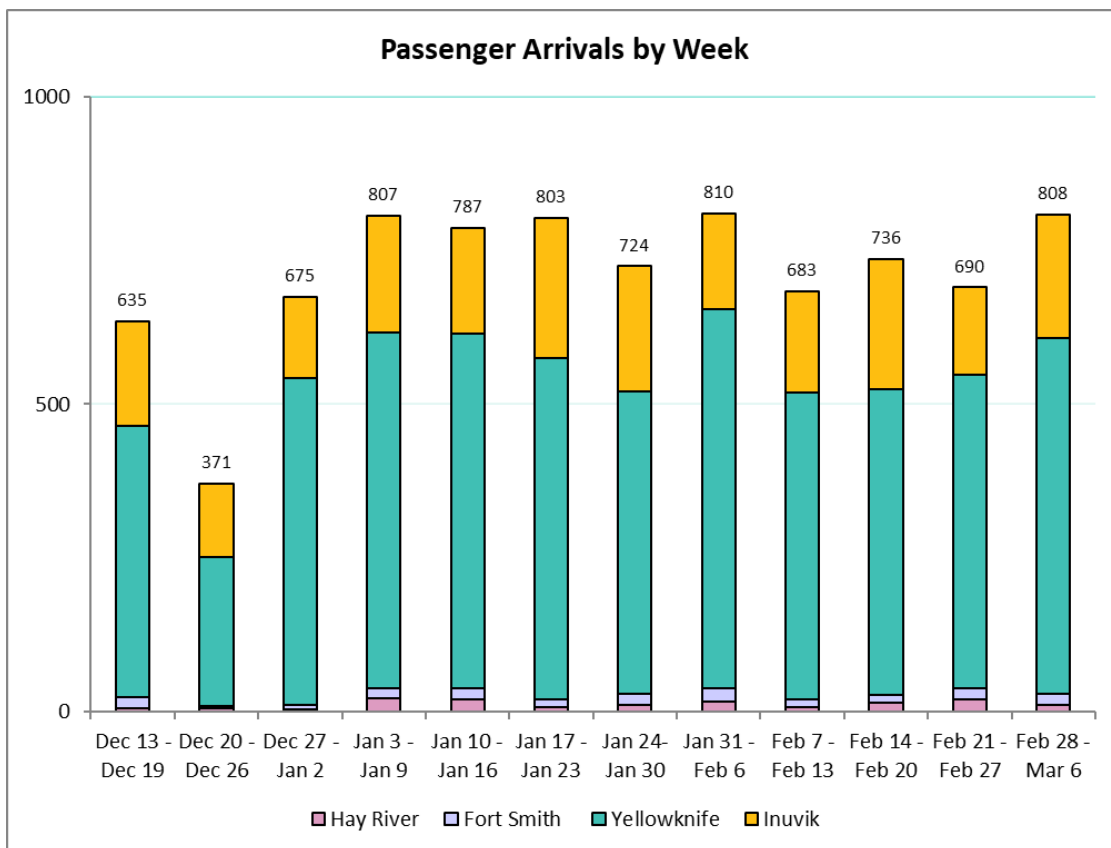
**Highway 8 (Fort McPherson):** On November 19, 2020 the Mackenzie River ice crossing at km 143 on Highway 8 opened. As of January 12, 2021 both the Mackenzie River and the Peel River ice crossings are open to vehicles weighing up to 64,000 kgs.

# 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	2	10	622
Fort Smith	4	19	728
Yellowknife	22	549	19,075
Inuvik	6	200	8,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>28,599</b>



# Isolation Centres

Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

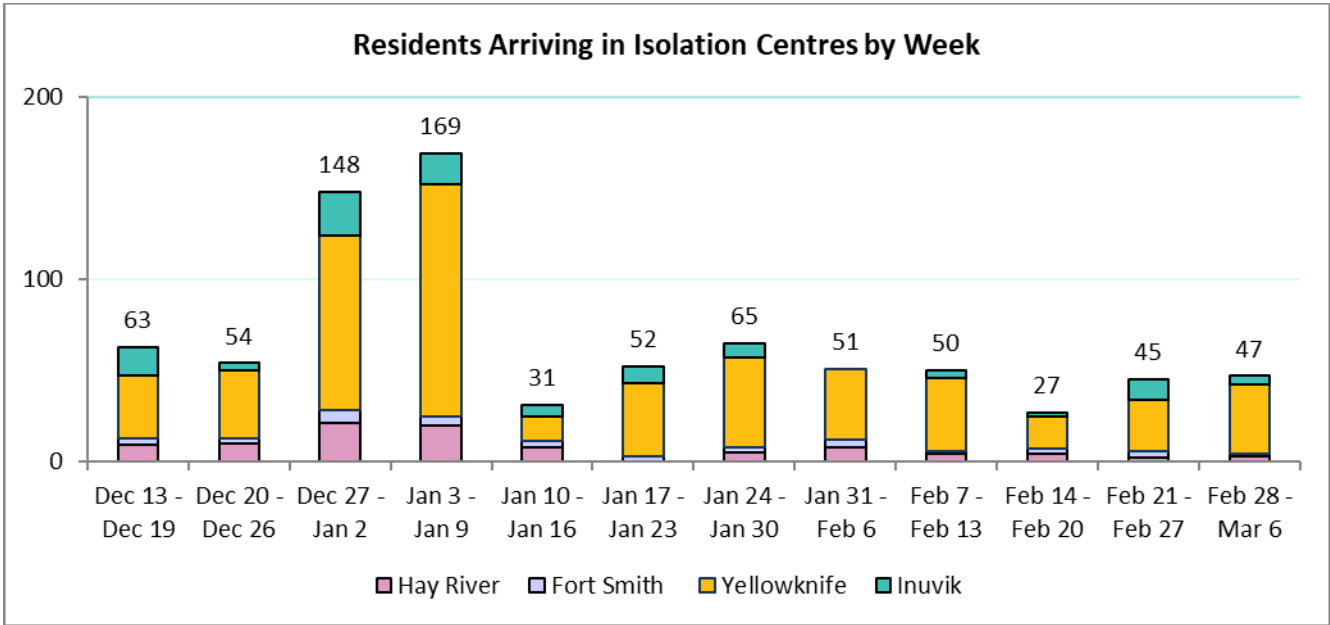
Isolation centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents that are required to [self-isolate](#) under the Public Health Order.

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: 5,461  
 NWT Resident Check Ins since Jan 5: 408

Currently, isolation centres have:

Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	5	5	750
Fort Smith	4	4	183
Yellowknife	60	79	3,606
Inuvik	11	13	821
<b>Total NWT</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5,360</b>



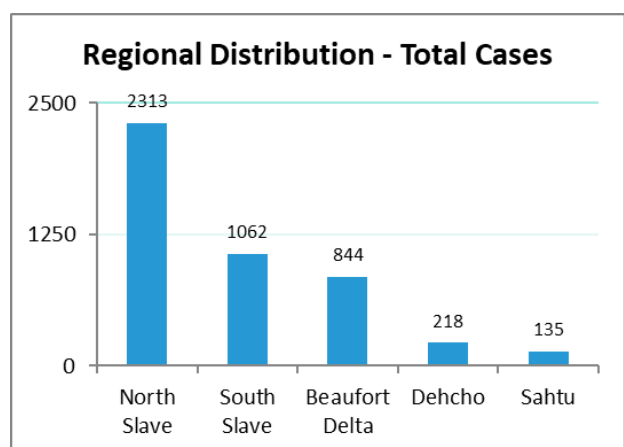
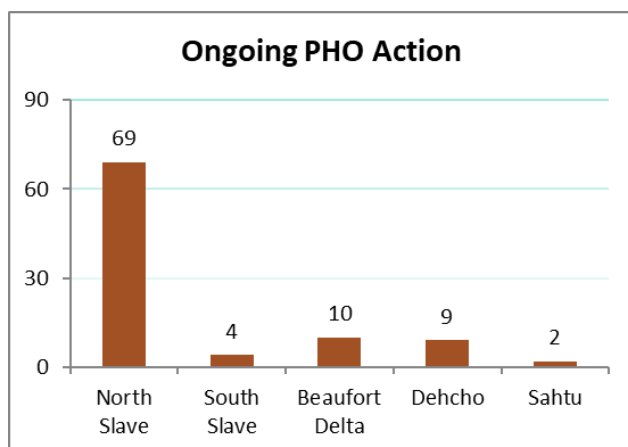
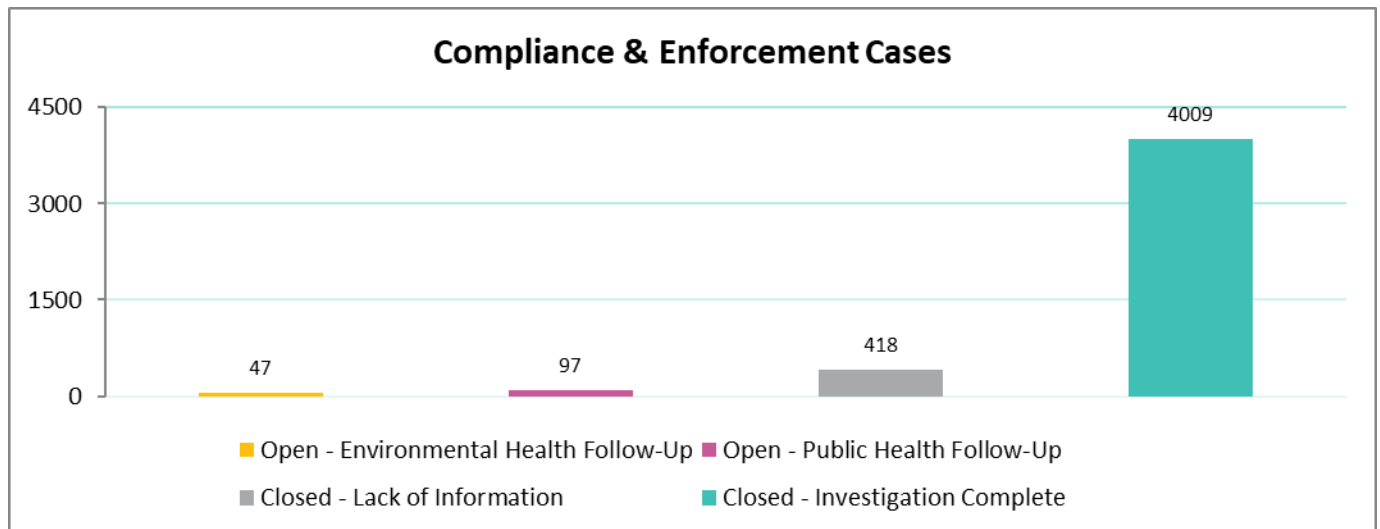
# Compliance and Enforcement

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:** 4,572  
 Last week: New cases: 101  
 Closed cases: 91

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	844	135	218	2,313	1,062
Verbal Warnings	248	10	31	246	209
Written Warnings	10	15	5	13	11
<b>Total CET calls/emails received</b>					<b>4,572</b>
<b>Total Warnings (verbal &amp; written)</b>					<b>798</b>
<b>Total Summary Offence Tickets</b>					<b>42</b>

- 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; Pine Point & Fort Resolution.

