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# **Consolidated COVID Statistics Report**

## **COVID Secretariat**

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## Quick Facts

March 7 - 13, 2021

Note: Arrows indicate increase or decrease from previous week

<p><b>Current Situation</b></p> <p>Completed tests                   <b>15,300</b></p> <p>Pending tests                       <b>28</b>     ↓15</p> <p>Confirmed cases                   <b>47</b>     =</p> <p>Recovered cases                   <b>46</b>     =</p>	<p>Vaccines Given (Dose 1)       <b>19,685</b></p> <p>Vaccines Given (Dose 2)       <b>12,389</b></p>
<p><b>ProtectNWT</b></p> <p>SIPs submitted                   <b>38,690</b></p> <p>Pending                               <b>375</b>    ↑39</p> <p>Travellers self-isolating       <b>1,765</b>  ↑107</p>	<p><b>COVID Call Centre</b></p> <p>Total calls this week           <b>2,449</b>  ↓356</p> <p>Total emails this week         <b>1,350</b>  ↑147</p>
<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Total vehicle crossings       <b>22,718</b></p> <p>Hwy 1 this week                 <b>648</b>    ↑102</p> <p>Hwy 5 this week                 <b>0</b>       =</p> <p>Hwy 7 this week                 <b>2</b>       ↓3</p> <p>Hwy 8 this week                 <b>69</b>     ↑1</p>	<p><b>Airports</b></p> <p>Total passengers               <b>29,418</b></p> <p>Passengers this week           <b>819</b>    ↑11</p> <p>Flights screened this week     <b>41</b>     ↑7</p>
<p><b>Isolation Centres</b></p> <p>Total stays                       <b>5,505</b></p> <p>Current guests                   <b>97</b>     ↓4</p> <p>Guests since Jan 5, 2021       <b>453</b></p>	<p><b>New Guests this week</b></p> <p>Hay River                         <b>7</b>       ↑4</p> <p>Fort Smith                        <b>0</b>       ↓1</p> <p>Yellowknife                       <b>32</b>     ↓5</p> <p>Inuvik                              <b>6</b>       ↑1</p>
<p><b>Compliance and Enforcement</b></p> <p>Total cases since start       <b>4,675</b></p> <p>Opened this week               <b>105</b>    ↑23</p> <p>Closed this week                <b>83</b>     ↑17</p>	<p><b>Investigations:</b></p> <p>Verbal and written warnings   <b>814</b></p> <p>Warnings this week             <b>16</b>     ↓4</p> <p>Total Summary Offence tickets   <b>42</b>     =</p> <p>Tickets this week                <b>0</b>       =</p>

## Highlights

- As of March 4, 2021 Residents of Fort Simpson and Norman Wells can now self-isolate in their home communities following travel outside the territory.
- ProtectNWT has seen an increase in SIP exemption requests, largely related to travelers from Nunavut.

## 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 implement 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 outside the territory, 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. On March 4, 2021 an exemption to the health order was issued allowing residents to self-isolate in Norman Wells and Fort Simpson.

## Current Situation

Start of reporting period: March 20, 2020

As of 9:00 am on March 16, 2021 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)
15,378	28	1	47	46	19,685	12,389

- The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until March 30, 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 adult population.
- On January 4, 2021 the Department of Health & Social Services updated the [NWT Vaccine Strategy](#), a guiding document to successfully plan and communicate vaccine distribution. The [COVID Vaccine schedule](#) outlines when residents of the 33 NWT communities can expect to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

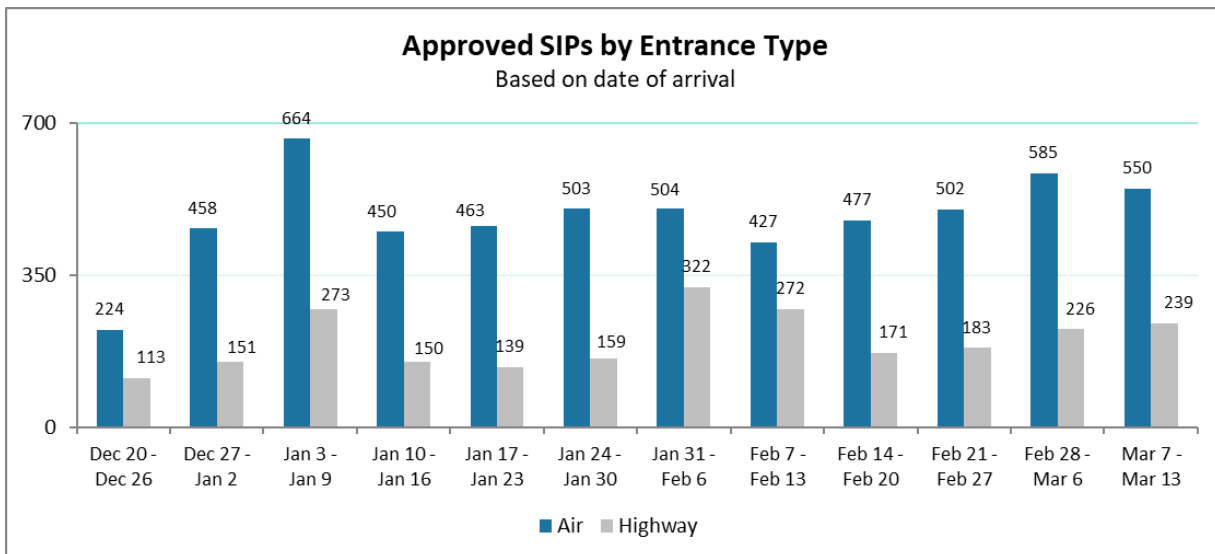
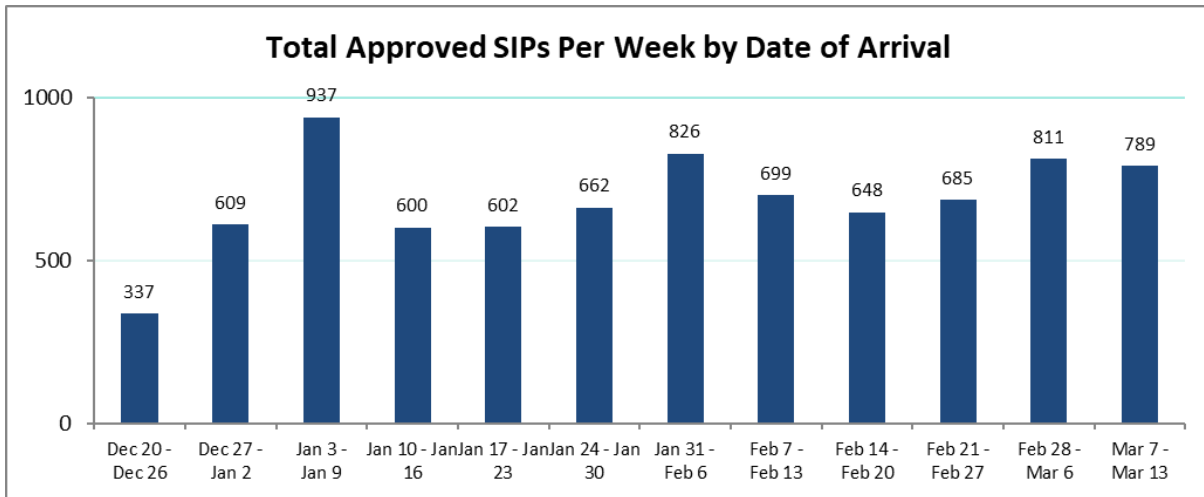
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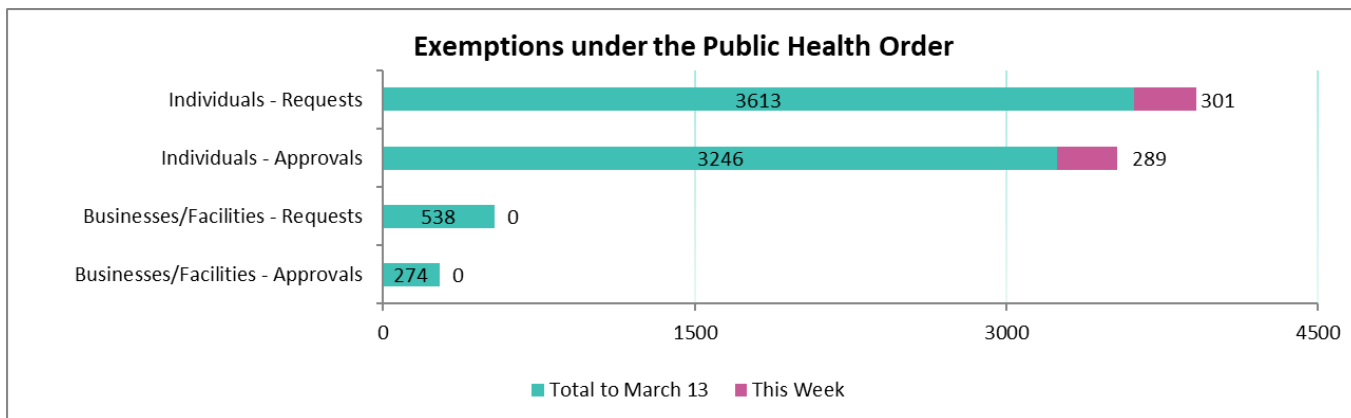
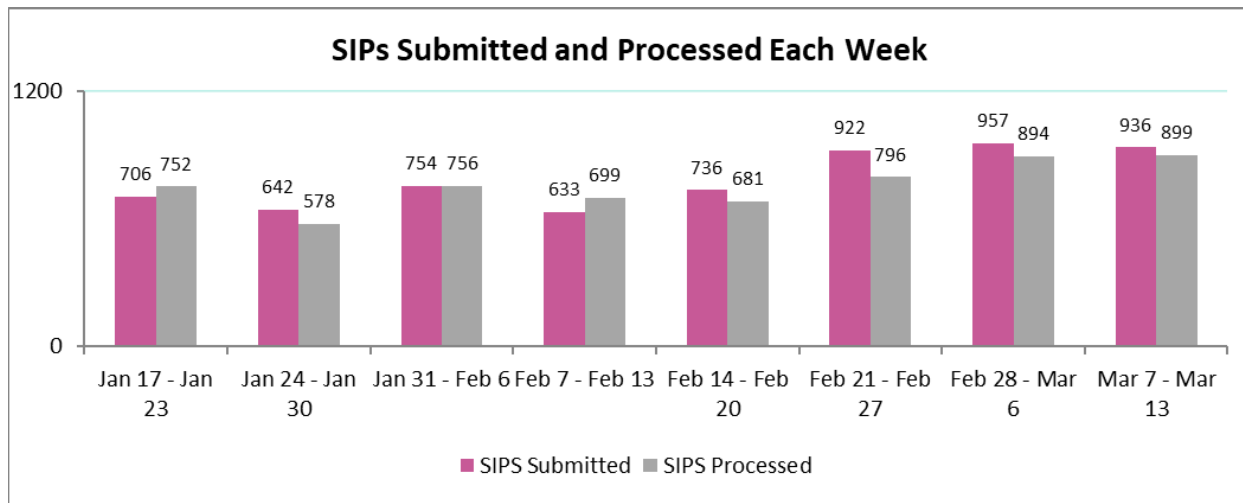
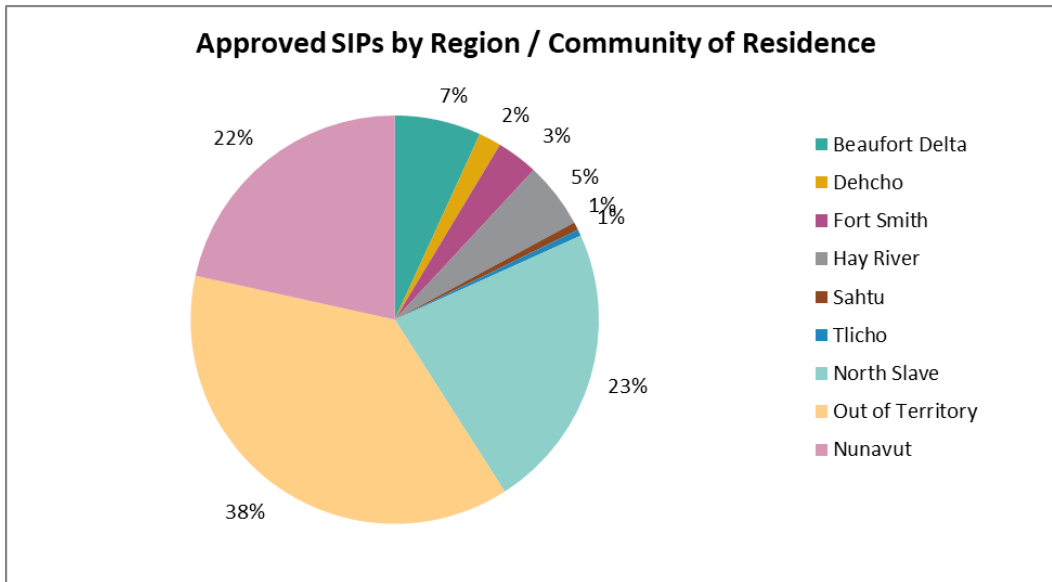
Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

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 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: 38,690  
 Total Number of SIPS pending approval: 375

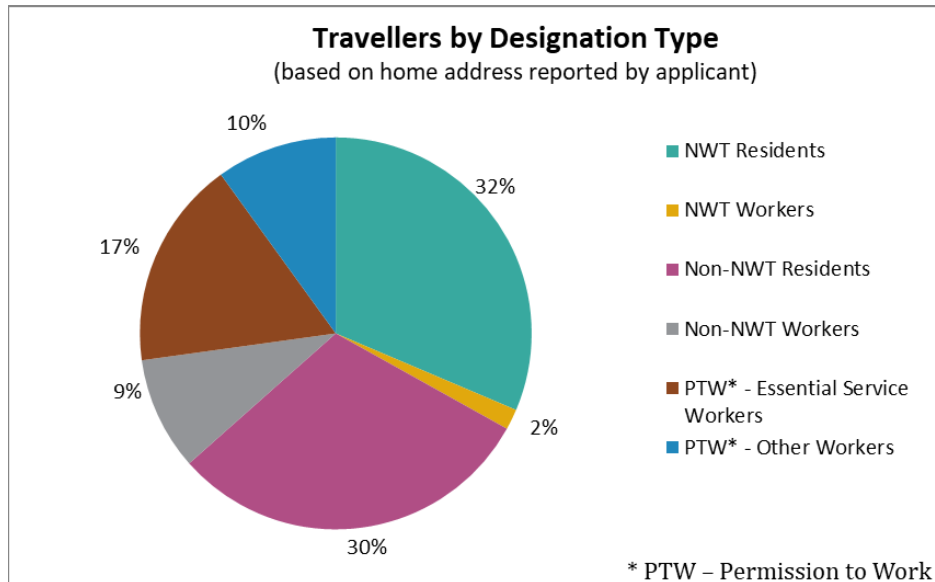




Note: The increase in SIP exemption requests in the last week is largely related to travelers from Nunavut.

## Current Travellers

People Currently Isolating: 1,765



## 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:

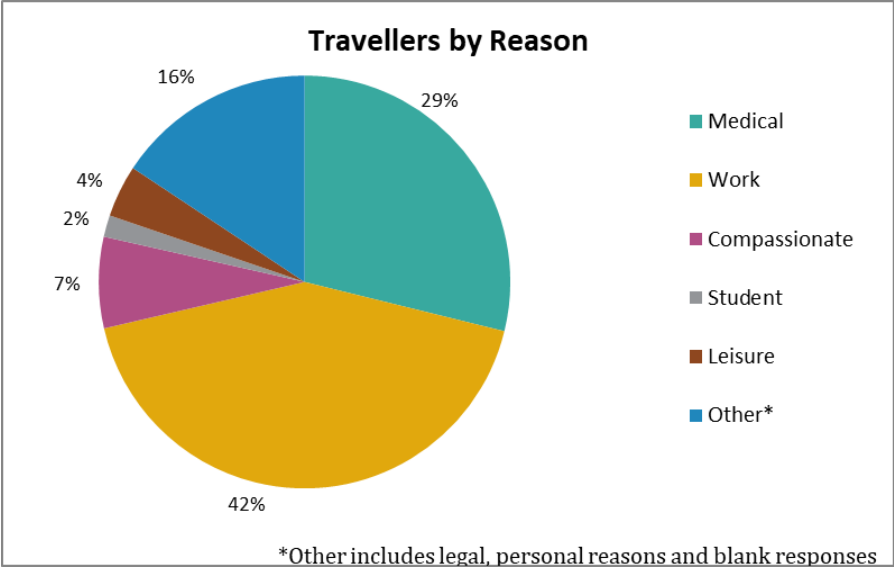
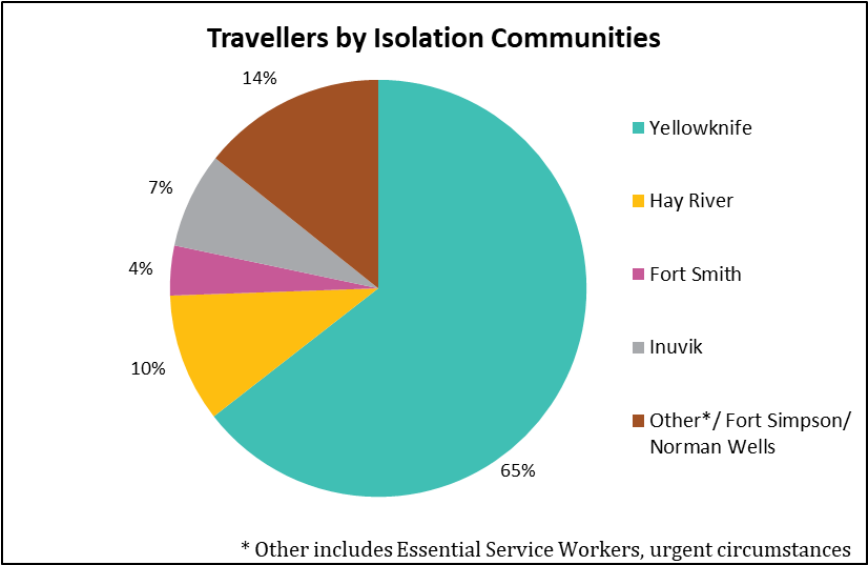
- A. Non-resident supply chain and flight crew who are here for over 36 hours.
- B. Workers who will isolate for the first 14 days before going to work.

**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.



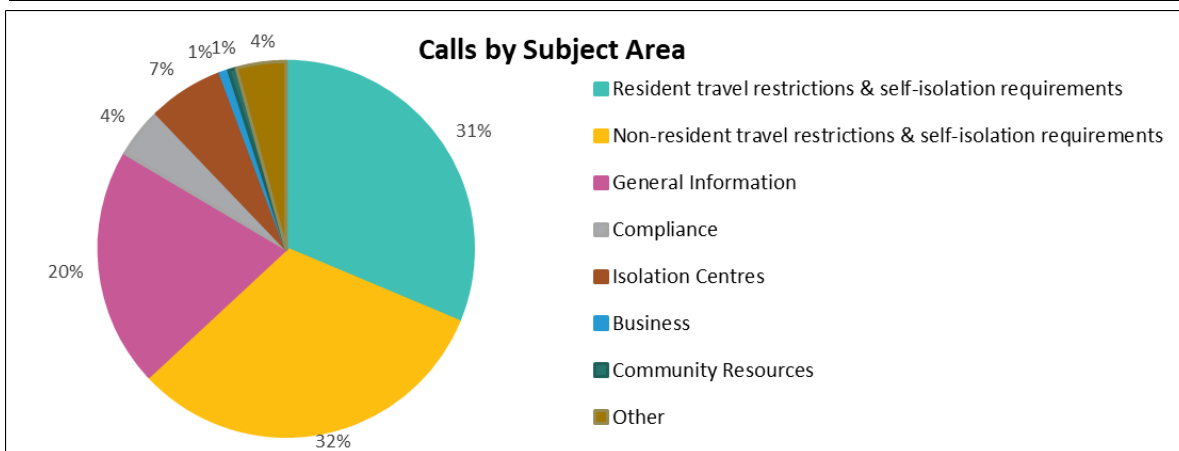
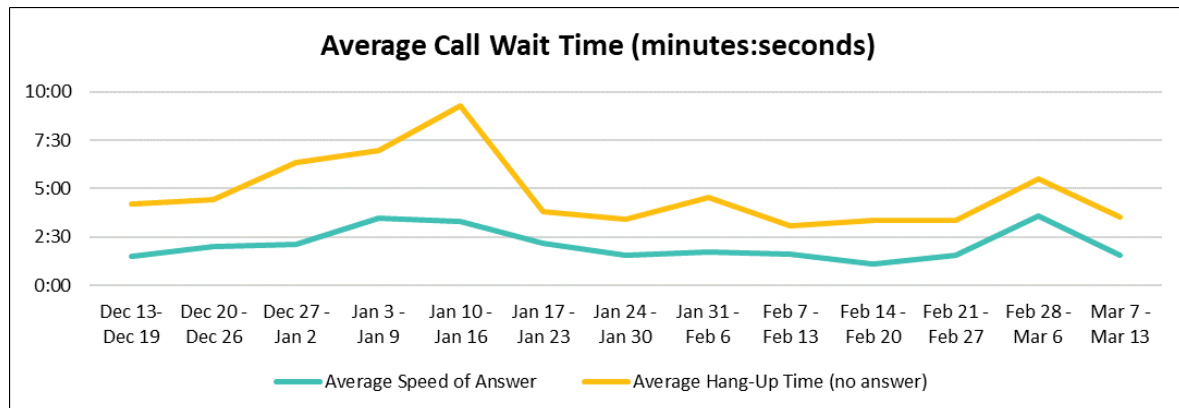
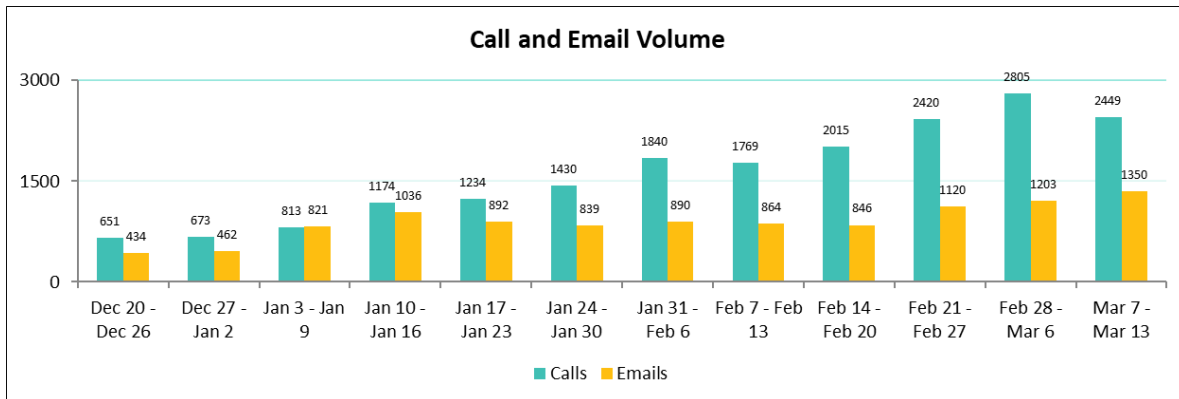


# COVID Operations Call Centre

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: 3,799  
 Incoming calls answered: 88%

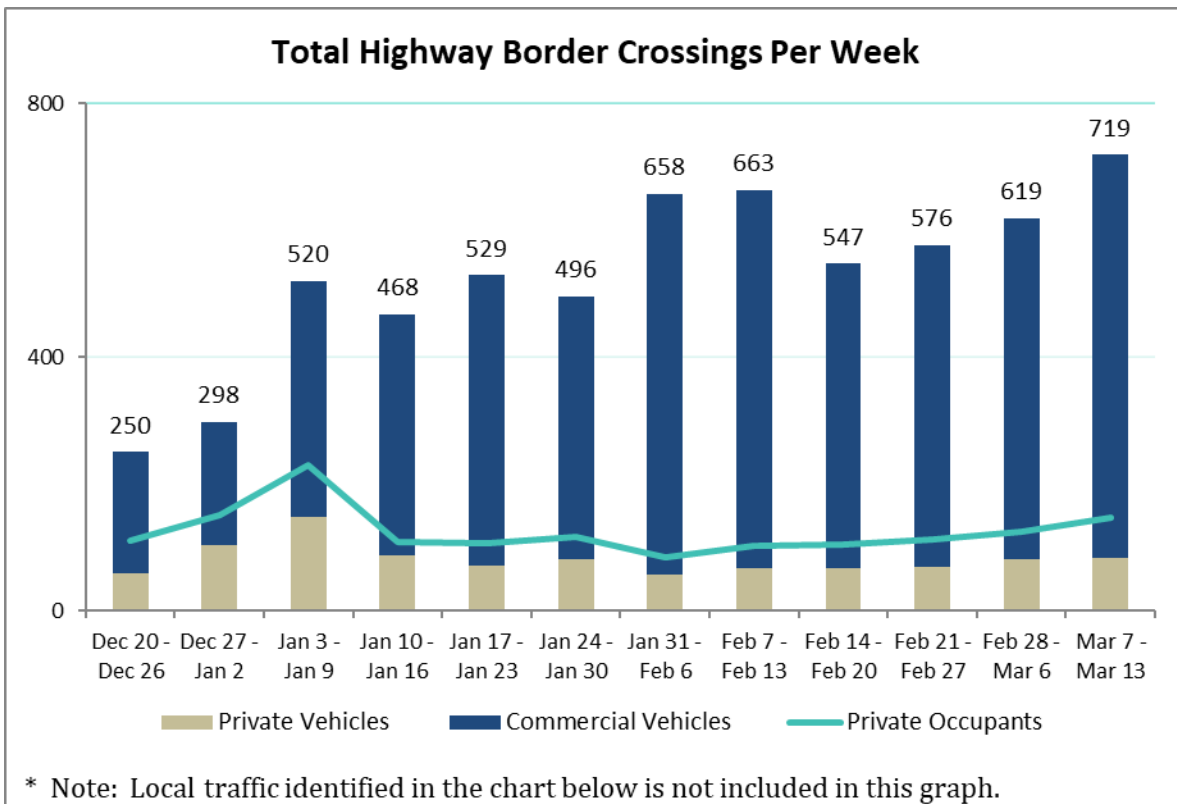


# Highway Borders

Start of reporting period: March 31, 2020

Travellers using border crossings are subject to conditions of the Public Health Order.

Total Vehicles entering the NWT: 22,718  
 Total Private Vehicles: 7,010  
 Total Private Occupants: 11,963  
 Total Commercial Vehicles: 15,708



## Weekly Highway Border Activity

Border Access		Jan 24 - Jan 30	Jan 31 - Feb 6	Feb 7 - Feb 13	Feb 14 - Feb 20	Feb 21 - Feb 27	Feb 28 - Mar 6	Mar 7 - Mar 13
<b>Hwy 1</b>	Private Vehicles	77	51	58	57	62	71	72
	Private Occupants	111	79	88	83	106	108	128
	Commercial Vehicles	354	547	544	426	461	475	576
	Total Cross-Border	431	598	602	483	523	546	648
<b>Hwy 5</b>	Local Traffic Only*	330	301	277	286	334	301	316
<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	18	3	2	3	5	2
	Total Cross-Border	1	18	3	2	3	5	2
<b>Hwy 8</b>	Local Traffic Only*	35	65	65	34	38	48	39
	Private Vehicles	4	6	8	10	6	10	12
	Private Occupants	5	6	14	22	7	16	18
	Commercial Vehicles	60	36	50	52	44	58	57
	Total Cross-Border	64	42	58	62	50	68	69

**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 Highway 7 checkpoint also facilitates the movement of essential services into the NWT.

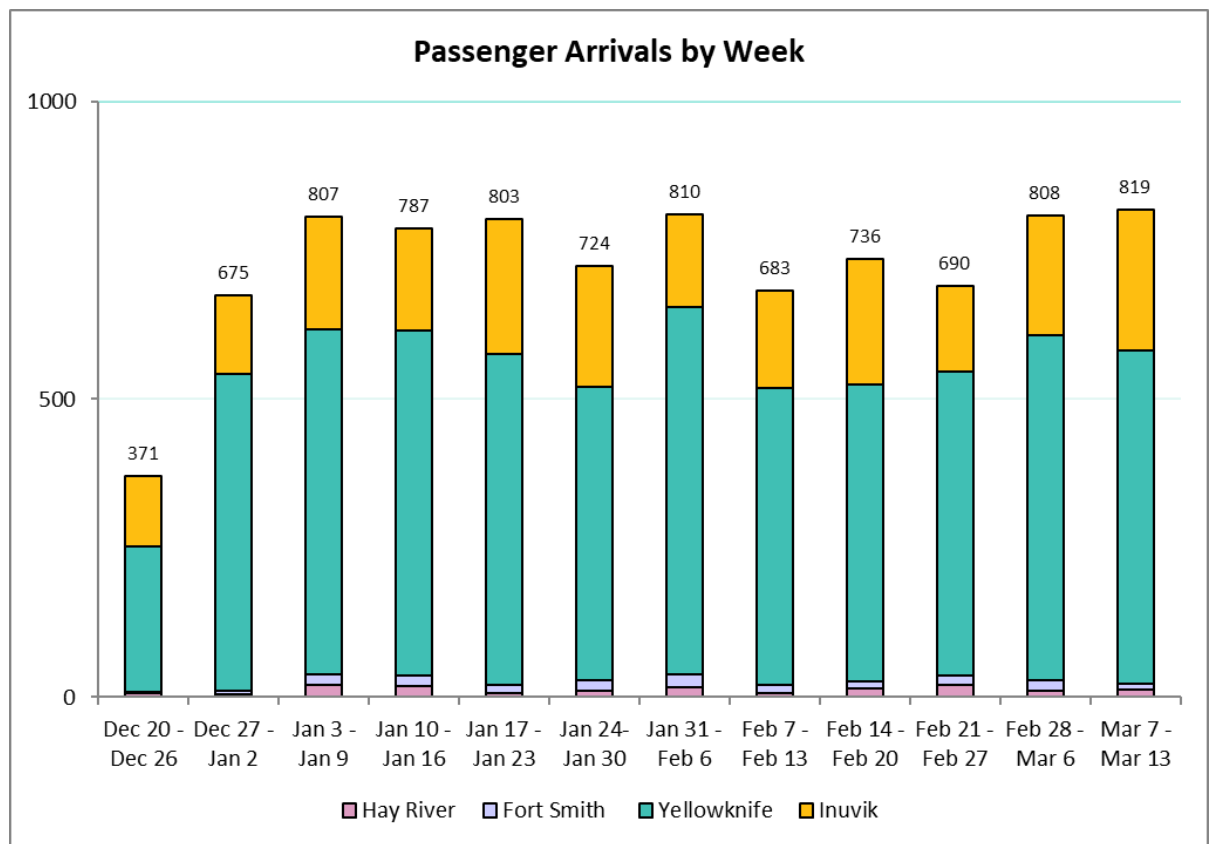
**Highway 8 (Fort McPherson):** On November 19, 2020 the Mackenzie River ice crossing at km 143 on Highway 8 opened. As of January 12, 2021 both the Mackenzie River and the Peel River ice crossings are open to vehicles weighing up to 64,000 kgs.

# 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 following OCPHO Public Health Orders.

Community	Total Flights This Week	Passengers This Week	Total Passengers
Hay River	2	12	634
Fort Smith	4	11	739
Yellowknife	30	559	19,634
Inuvik	5	237	8,411
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>29,418</b>



## Isolation Centres

Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

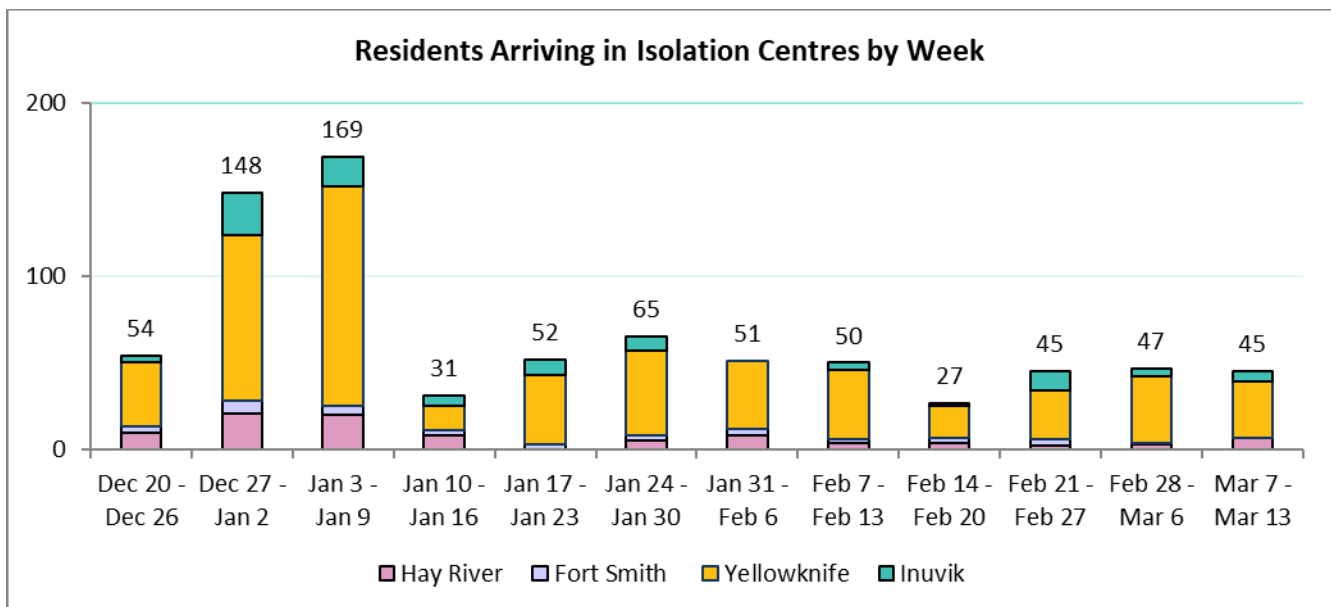
Isolation centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents who are required to [self-isolate](#) under the Public Health Order.

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: 5,505  
 NWT Resident Check Ins since Jan 5: 453

Currently, isolation centres have:

Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	7	10	753
Fort Smith	3	3	186
Yellowknife	60	74	3,636
Inuvik	6	10	833
<b>Total NWT</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5,408</b>



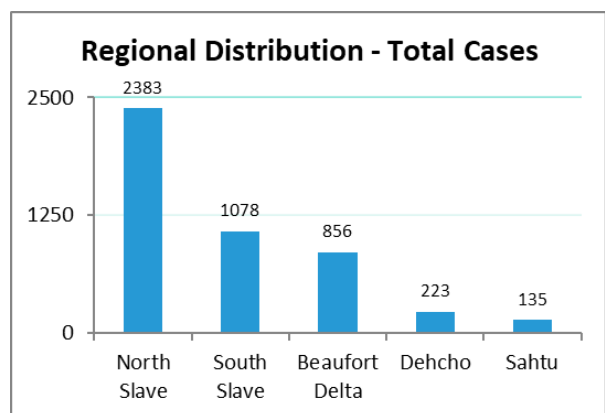
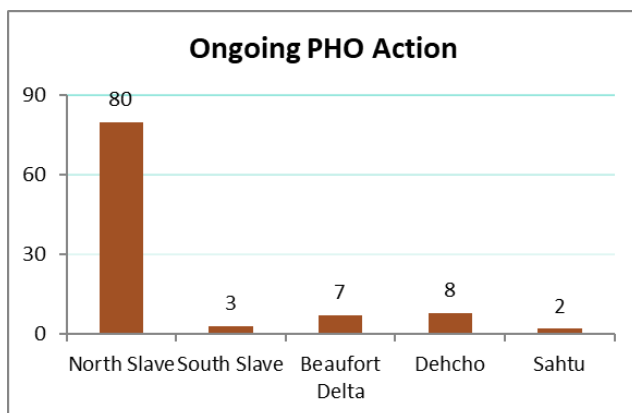
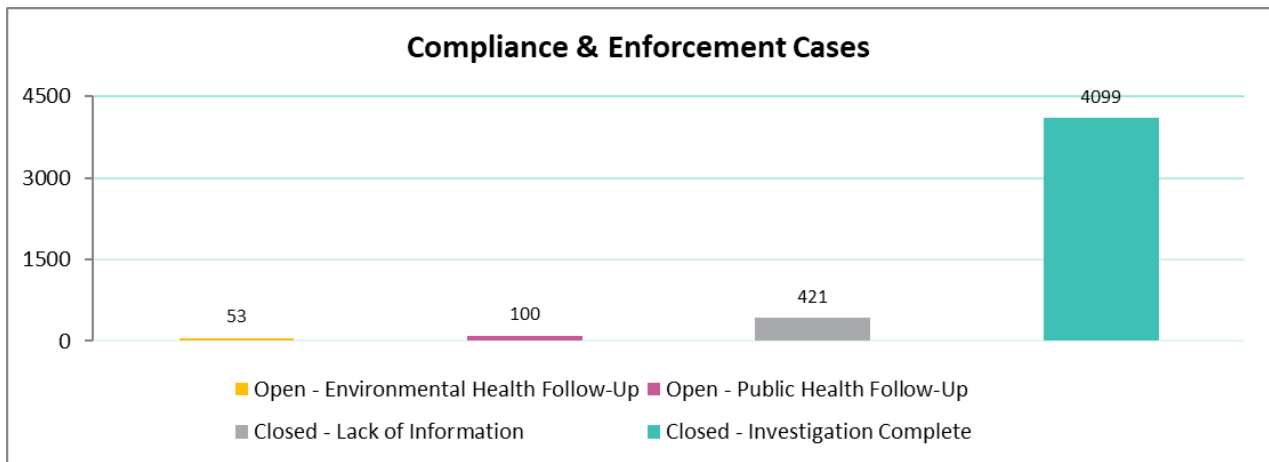
# Compliance and Enforcement

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 about the rules, investigate complaints and non-compliance, and may issue written warnings or tickets if the rules continue to be ignored.

**Total cases:** 4,675  
 Last week:    New cases: 106  
                   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	856	135	223	2,383	1,078
Verbal Warnings	252	10	31	256	211
Written Warnings	10	15	5	13	11
<b>Total CET calls/emails received</b>					<b>4,675</b>
<b>Total Warnings (verbal &amp; written)</b>					<b>814</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 presence in the following communities: Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Simpson, Fort Resolution, Fort Liard, Fort Providence, 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; Fort Providence and Kakisa.
- Supply Chain
  - One discussions/education to supply chain, in the Sahtu region.

