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# **Consolidated COVID Statistics Report**

## **COVID Secretariat**

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## Quick Facts

February 21 - 27, 2021

Note: Arrows indicate increase or decrease from previous week

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Current Situation</b></p> <p>Completed tests                   <b>14,555</b></p> <p>Pending tests                       <b>10</b>   ↓30</p> <p>Confirmed cases                   <b>47</b>     =</p> <p>Recovered cases                   <b>44</b>   ↑12</p>   | <p>Vaccines Given (Dose 1)           <b>15,217</b></p> <p>Vaccines Given (Dose 2)           <b>4,558</b></p>  |
| <p><b>ProtectNWT</b></p> <p>SIPs submitted                   <b>36,749</b></p> <p>Pending                               <b>254</b>   ↑30</p> <p>Travellers self-isolating       <b>1,565</b> ↑109</p>   | <p><b>COVID Call Centre</b></p> <p>Total calls this week               <b>2,420</b> ↑405</p> <p>Total emails this week              <b>1,120</b> ↑274</p>   |
| <p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Total vehicle crossings           <b>21,380</b></p> <p>Hwy 1 this week                   <b>523</b>   ↑40</p> <p>Hwy 5 this week                   <b>0</b>     =</p> <p>Hwy 7 this week                   <b>3</b>     ↑1</p> <p>Hwy 8 this week                   <b>50</b>   ↓12</p> | <p><b>Airports</b></p> <p>Total passengers                   <b>27,791</b></p> <p>Passengers this week               <b>690</b>   ↓46</p> <p>Flights screened this week       <b>36</b>   ↓4</p>  |
| <p><b>Isolation Centres</b></p> <p>Total stays                         <b>5,378</b></p> <p>Current guests                     <b>80</b>   ↓6</p> <p>Guests since Jan 5, 2021       <b>355</b> ↑39</p>   | <p><b>New Guests this week</b></p> <p>Hay River                           <b>2</b>   ↓2</p> <p>Fort Smith                          <b>4</b>   ↑1</p> <p>Yellowknife                         <b>28</b> ↑10</p> <p>Inuvik                               <b>5</b>   ↑3</p> |
| <p><b>Compliance and Enforcement</b></p> <p>Total cases since start           <b>4,478</b></p> <p>Opened this week                  <b>105</b> ↑19</p> <p>Closed this week                  <b>66</b>   ↓17</p>   | <p><b>Investigations:</b></p> <p>Verbal and written warnings      <b>778</b></p> <p>Warnings this week                <b>17</b>   ↑4</p> <p>Total Summary Offence tickets   <b>42</b>   =</p> <p>Tickets this week                   <b>0</b>   =</p>                   |

## Highlights

- Continuing to see a reduction in Isolation Centre use since January 5 payment policy change

## 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 2, 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) |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 14,555          | 10            | 3            | 47              | 44        | 15,217                 | 4,558                  |

- 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.

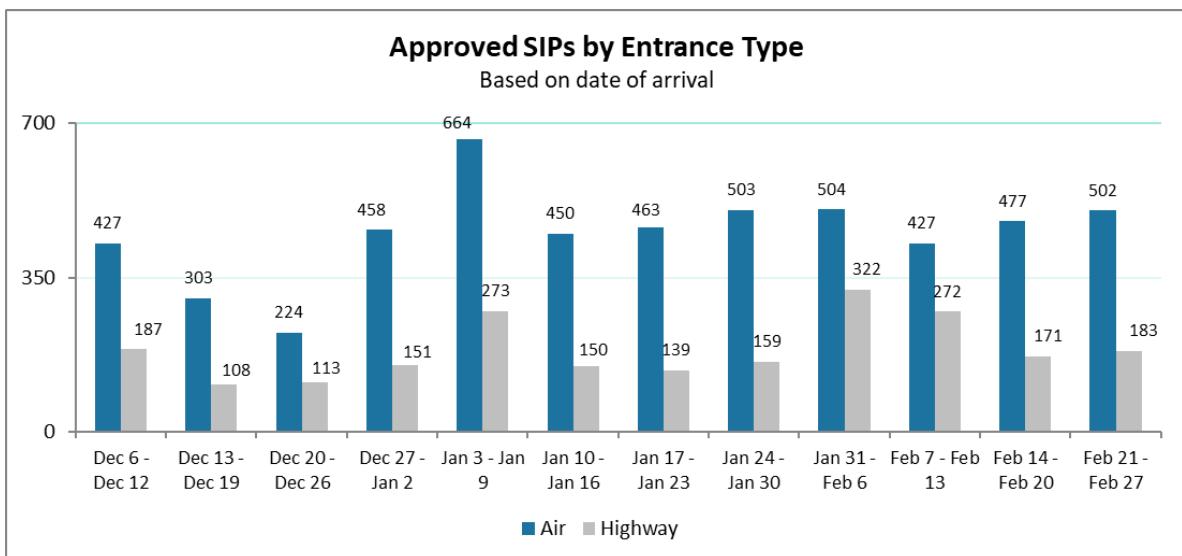
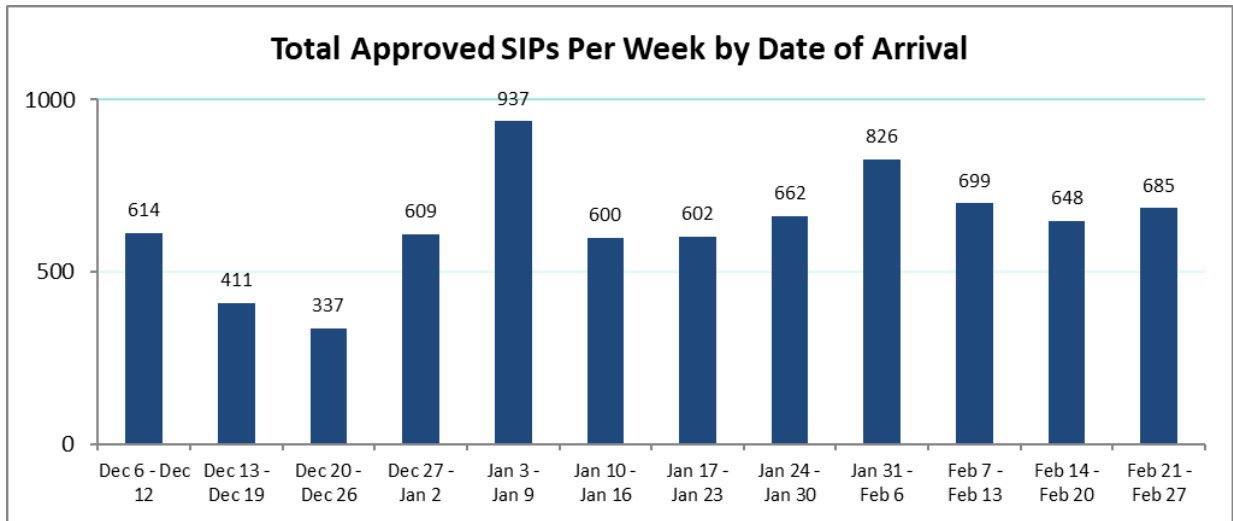
# ProtectNWT

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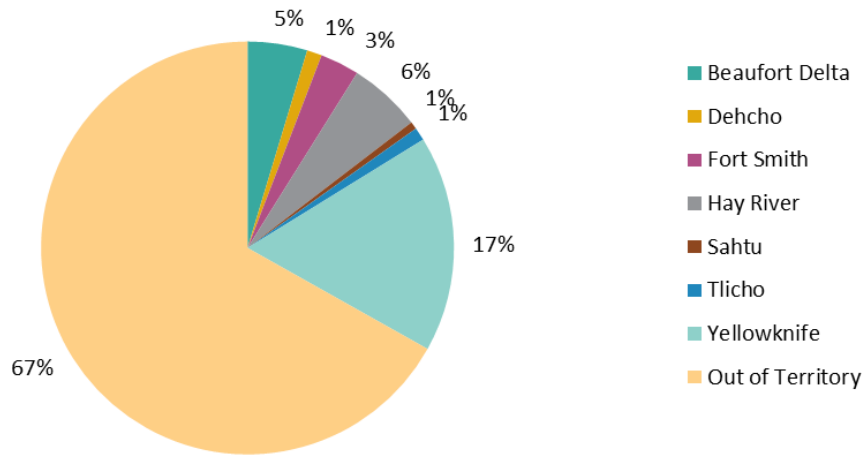
Travellers arriving in the NWT must mandatorily self-isolate for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, or Fort Smith. All travellers must submit a Self-Isolation Plan with [ProtectNWT](#) and submit symptom checks on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> days of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

## SIP Applications

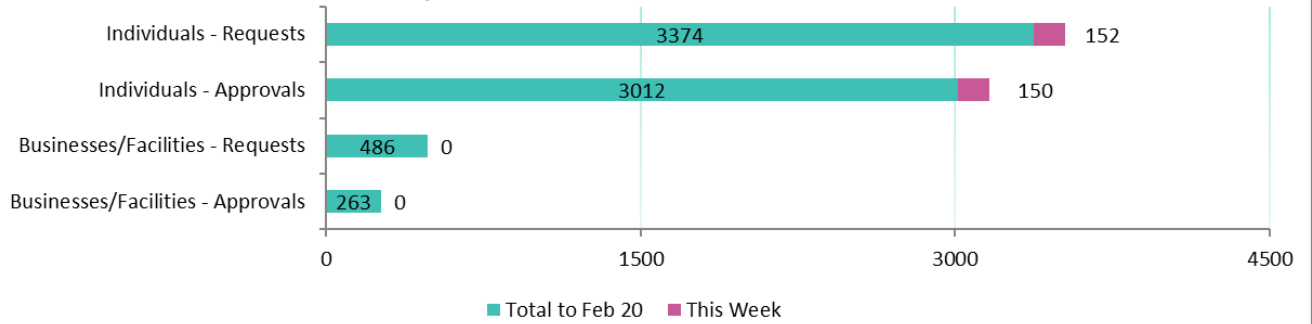
Total SIPs submitted to ProtectNWT: 36,749  
 Total Number of SIPS pending approval: 254



### Approved SIPs by Region / Community of Residence

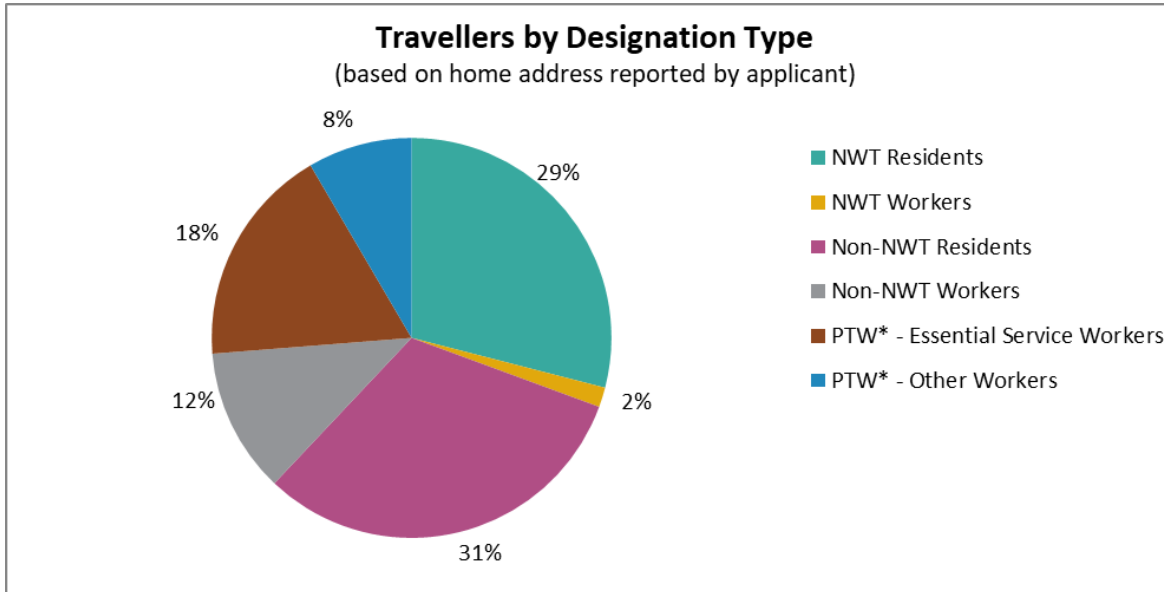


### Exemptions under the Public Health Order

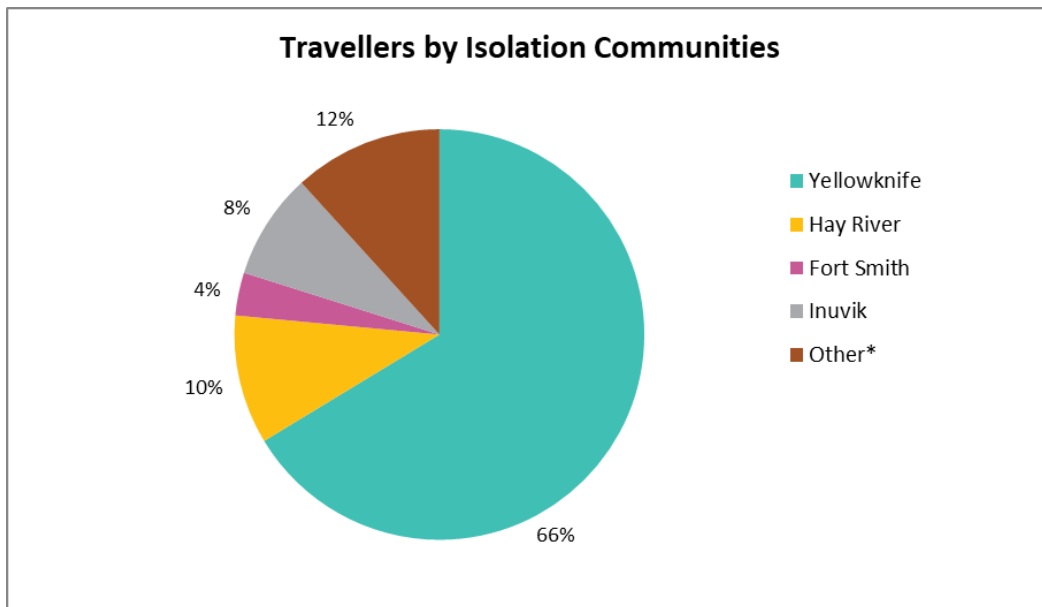


## Current Travellers

People Currently Isolating: 1,565



\* PTW – Permission to Work



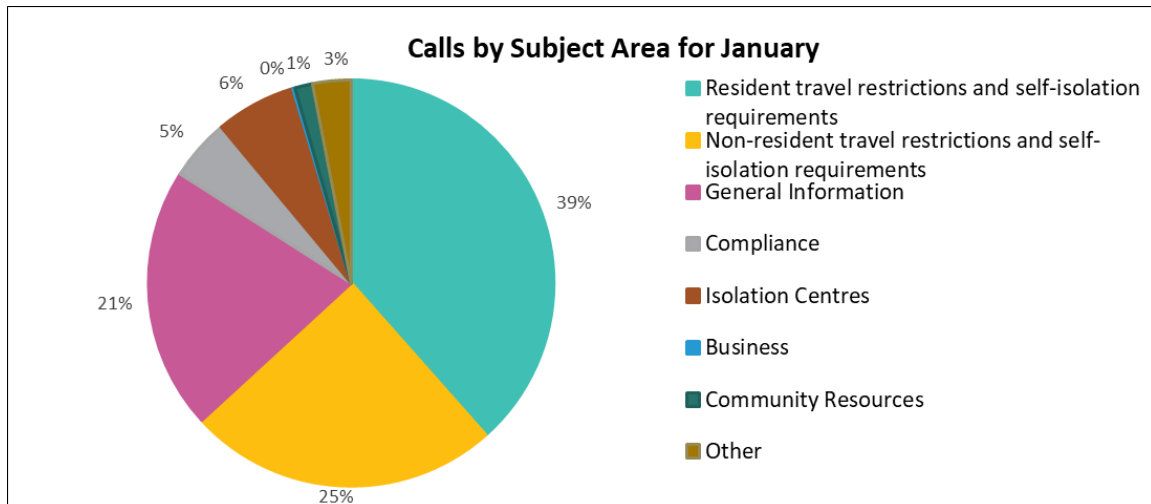
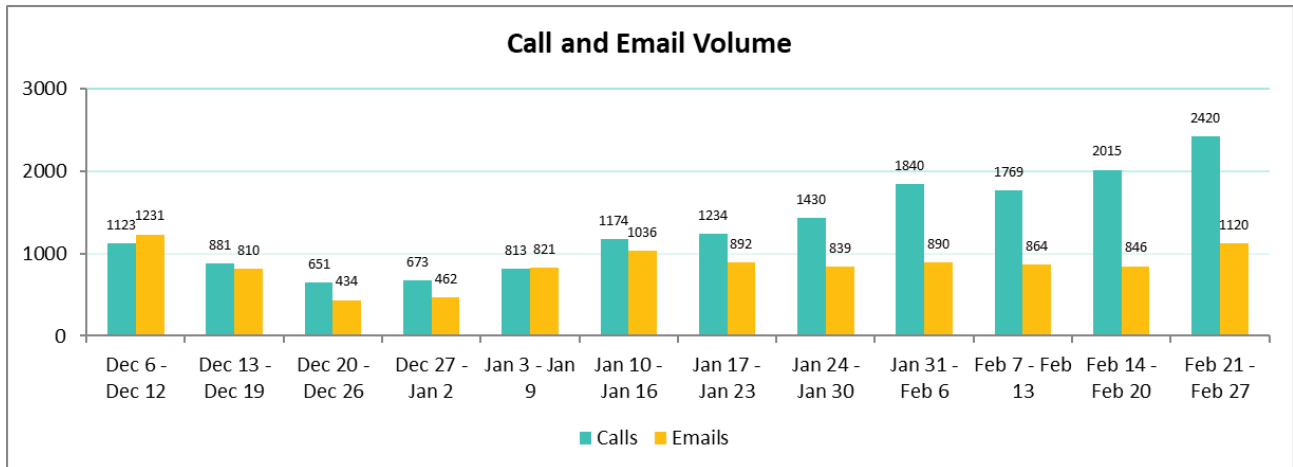
\* Other – Essential Service Workers, urgent circumstances

# 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: 3,540



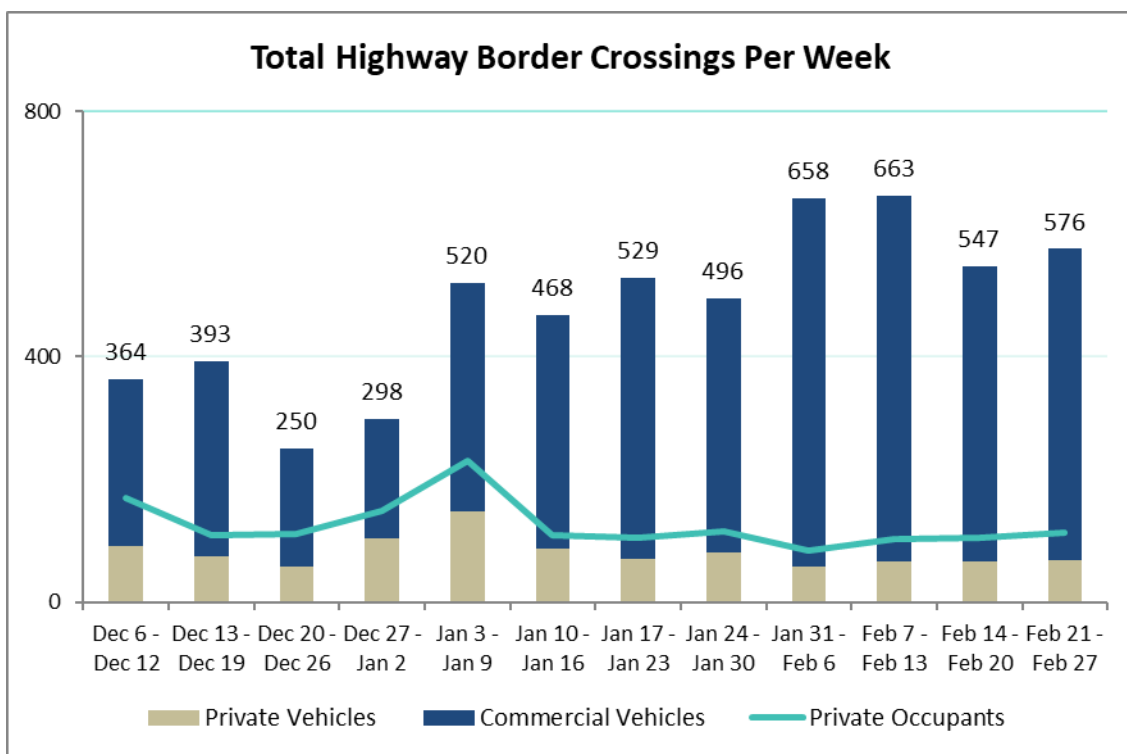


# Highway Borders

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: 21,380  
 Total Private Vehicles: 6,845  
 Total Private Occupants: 11,693  
 Total Commercial Vehicles: 14,535



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

## Weekly Highway Border Activity

| Border Access |                           | Jan 10 -<br>Jan 16 | Jan 17 -<br>Jan 23 | Jan 24 -<br>Jan 30 | Jan 31 -<br>Feb 6 | Feb 7 -<br>Feb 13 | Feb 14 -<br>Feb 20 | Feb 21 -<br>Feb 27 |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Hwy 1</b>  | Private vehicles          | 82                 | 62                 | 77                 | 51                | 58                | 57                 | 62                 |
|               | Private Occupants         | 105                | 89                 | 111                | 79                | 88                | 83                 | 106                |
|               | Commercial vehicles       | 331                | 408                | 354                | 547               | 544               | 426                | 461                |
|               | <b>Total Cross-Border</b> | <b>413</b>         | <b>470</b>         | <b>431</b>         | <b>598</b>        | <b>602</b>        | <b>483</b>         | <b>523</b>         |
| <b>Hwy 5</b>  | Local traffic only*       | 360                | 323                | 330                | 301               | 277               | 286                | 334                |
| <b>Hwy 7</b>  | Private vehicles          | 1                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                 | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  |
|               | Private Occupants         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                 | 0                 | 0                  | 0                  |
|               | Commercial vehicles       | 3                  | 1                  | 1                  | 18                | 3                 | 2                  | 3                  |
|               | <b>Total Cross-Border</b> | <b>4</b>           | <b>1</b>           | <b>1</b>           | <b>18</b>         | <b>3</b>          | <b>2</b>           | <b>3</b>           |
| <b>Hwy 8</b>  | Local traffic only*       | 36                 | 54                 | 35                 | 65                | 65                | 39                 | 38                 |
|               | Private vehicles          | 4                  | 9                  | 4                  | 6                 | 8                 | 5                  | 6                  |
|               | Private Occupants         | 4                  | 17                 | 5                  | 6                 | 14                | 94                 | 7                  |
|               | Commercial vehicles       | 47                 | 49                 | 60                 | 36                | 50                | 52                 | 44                 |
|               | <b>Total Cross-Border</b> | <b>51</b>          | <b>58</b>          | <b>64</b>          | <b>42</b>         | <b>58</b>         | <b>57</b>          | <b>50</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.

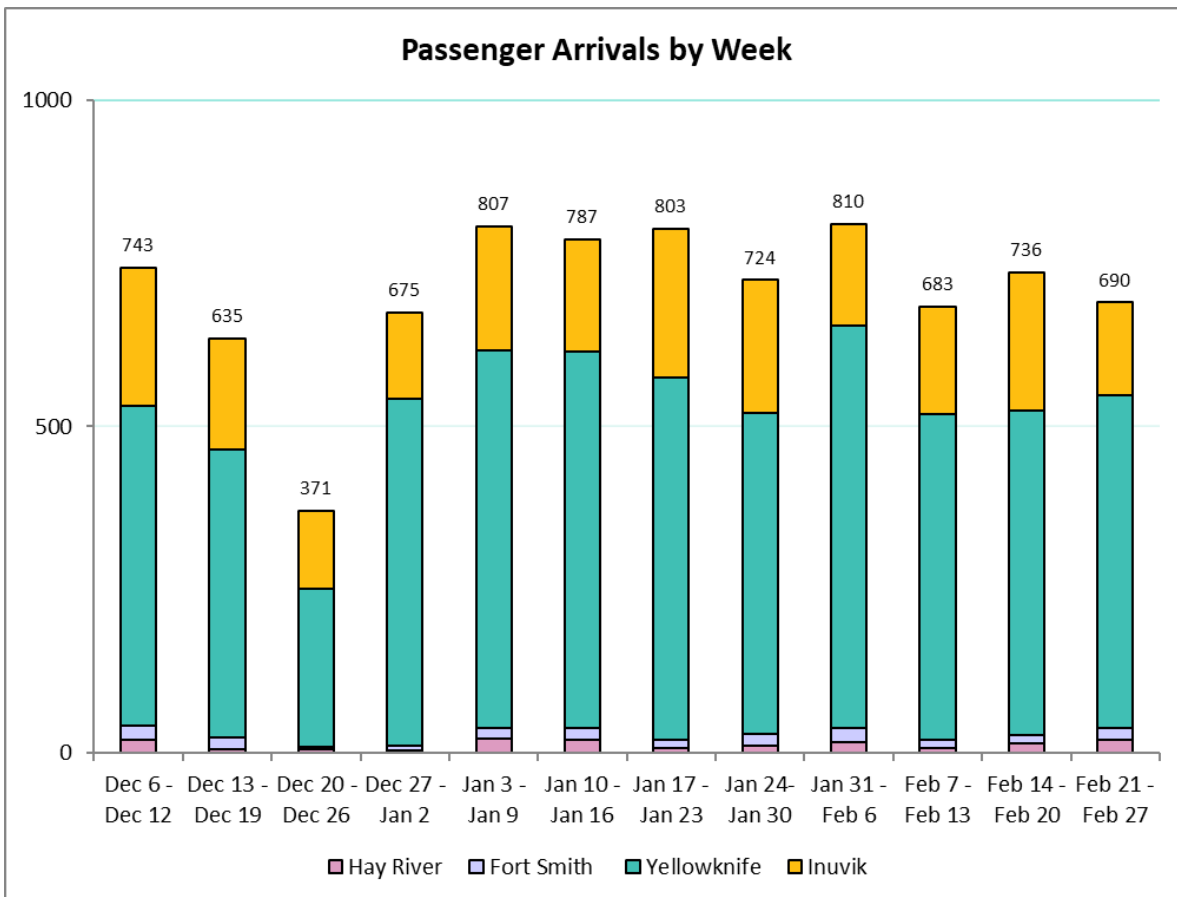
**Highway 8 (Fort McPherson):** On November 19, 2020 the Mackenzie River ice crossing at km 143 on Highway 8 opened. As of January 12, 2021 both the Mackenzie River and the Peel River ice crossings are open to vehicles weighing up to 64,000 kgs.

# 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    | 5                       | 20                   | 612              |
| Fort Smith   | 4                       | 17                   | 709              |
| Yellowknife  | 22                      | 510                  | 18,496           |
| Inuvik       | 5                       | 143                  | 7,974            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>36</b>               | <b>690</b>           | <b>27,791</b>    |



Correction: For the reports in February, Hay River and Fort Smith airports have included flights originating from within the territory. These have now been removed from the report.

## Isolation Centres

Start of reporting period: March 21, 2020

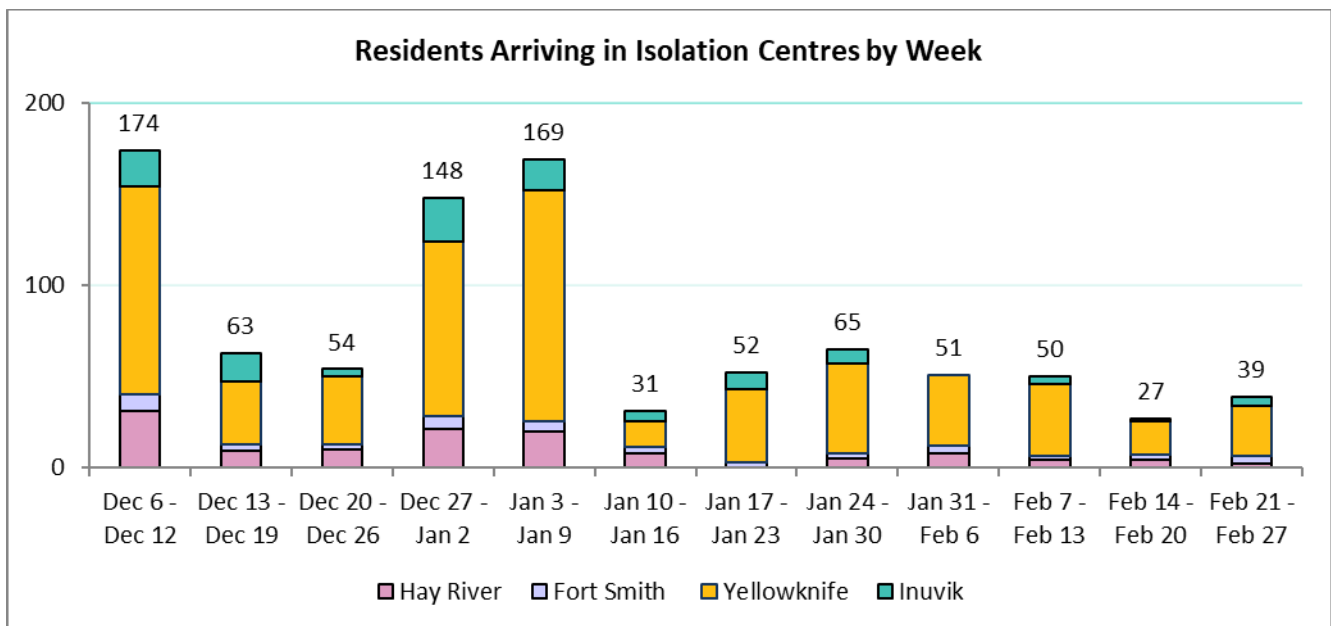
Isolation centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents that are required to [self-isolate](#) under the Public Health Order.

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: 5,378  
 NWT Resident Check Ins since Jan 5: 355

Currently, isolation centres have:

| Community        | Rooms Occupied | Total Persons in Isolation Centres | Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Hay River        | 5              | 5                                  | 745  |
| Fort Smith       | 6              | 6                                  | 179  |
| Yellowknife      | 52             | 58                                 | 3,585  |
| Inuvik           | 11             | 11                                 | 789  |
| <b>Total NWT</b> | <b>74</b>      | <b>80</b>                          | <b>5,298</b>                                   |



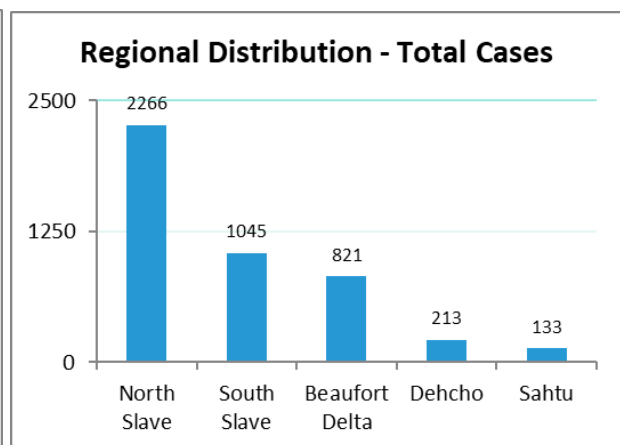
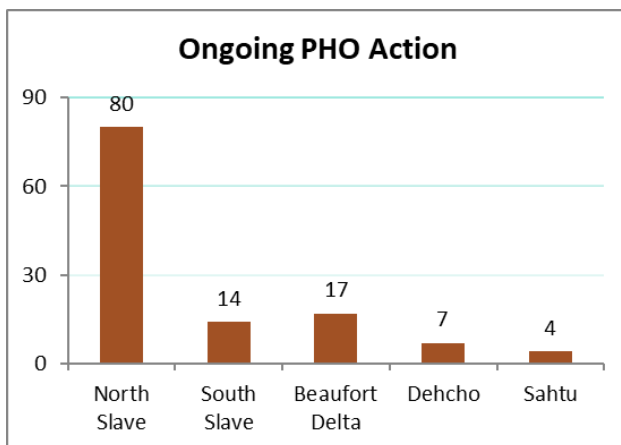
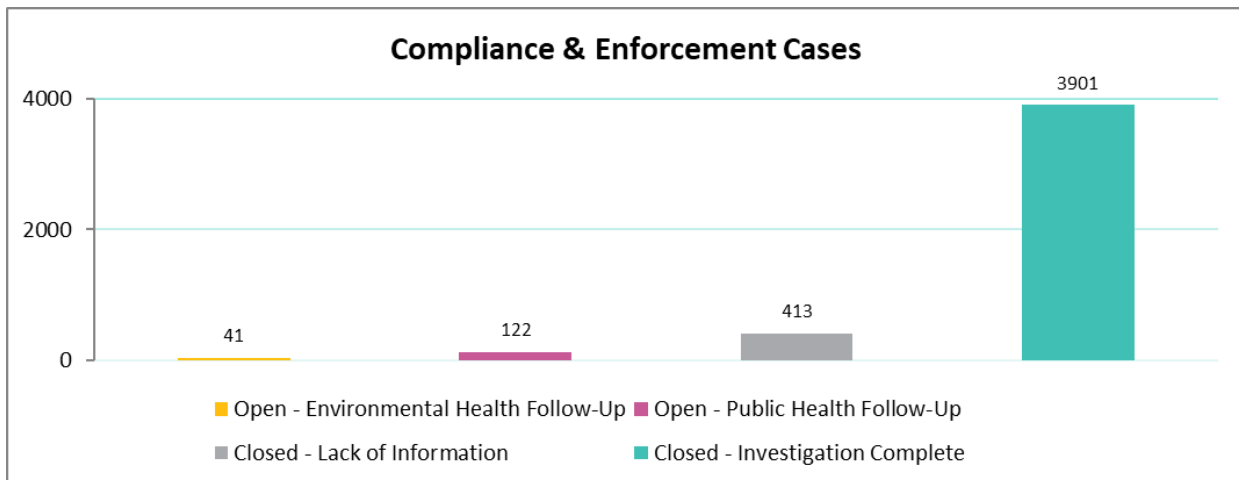
# Compliance and Enforcement

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:** 4,478  
 Last week:    New cases: 105  
                   Closed cases: 66

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  | 821            | 133   | 213    | 2,266       | 1,045        |
| Verbal Warnings                              | 243            | 10    | 31     | 238         | 201          |
| Written Warnings                             | 10             | 15    | 5      | 11          | 11           |
| <b>Total CET calls/emails received</b>       |                |       |        |             | <b>4,478</b> |
| <b>Total Warnings (verbal &amp; written)</b> |                |       |        |             | <b>778</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; Jean Marie River.
- Supply Chain
  - Four warnings to supply chain, in the Beaufort Delta and South Slave; and
  - Four discussions/education to supply chain, all in the North Slave.

