



COVID-19

INFORMATION FOR OUTFITTERS AND TOURISM OPERATORS

- The Northwest Territories (NWT) is currently under a state of emergency due to COVID-19. All big game hunting/outfitting for non-residents is closed for the foreseeable future due to travel restrictions put in place by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- NWT tourism and outfitting operators may offer their services to local residents. However, they must ensure appropriate health and safety measures are in place before re-opening, including strict client traffic limits, personal protective equipment and social distancing measures.
- The public health situation in the NWT and across Canada is changing rapidly. The NWT's Chief Public Health Officer cannot forecast how long these restrictions may be in place. The situation is re-evaluated by the Minister of Health and Social Services every two weeks.
- Although the revenue tourism and outfitting operations bring into the NWT is very important, all decisions about these operations must weigh the risk to public health and ensure our communities are protected. Protecting our communities is the primary concern of the GNWT during this health emergency.
- While on the land, northerners must continue to practice social distancing. Groups of 25 people or less are allowed to visit, as long as physical distance of two metres (six feet) can be maintained, appropriate hand-washing or sanitizing can occur, travel happens by household group, and there are no shared food or beverages.
- Anyone who does not comply with these public health orders could face a \$10,000 fine or a prison term of up-to six months for a first offence.

To report a person or business that is **not following the rules**, contact the GNWT's Compliance and Enforcement Taskforce. Anyone with credible, specific complaints is urged to email **protectnwt@gov.nt.ca** or call 1-833-378-8297.

If a business owner/operator has **questions** about continuing operations, or making their business safe, they should contact **covid@gov.nt.ca** to speak with an Environmental Health Officer.

For NWT businesses, the GNWT has compiled a **list of resources** to help get them through this difficult time: www.iti.gov.nt.ca/en/resources-businesses.

For the most accurate and up-to-date health information on COVID-19 in the NWT, visit: www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19.