



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

## COVID-19 Update: November 12, 2020

*Four new cases confirmed in Fort Smith. Presumptive positive test at Diavik confirmed. No public risk identified. All isolating appropriately.*

**YELLOWKNIFE 12 November 2020** – There are two updates on COVID-19 in the Northwest Territories.

### **Four additional confirmed positive COVID-19 tests in Fort Smith**

Four additional positive COVID-19 tests have been confirmed in Fort Smith.

This is an instance of household transmission related to the case of COVID-19 in Fort Smith announced on November 11. This was connected to travel outside the NWT.

All individuals continue to isolate and recover safely at-home.

A contact investigation indicates there are no outstanding contacts in the Northwest Territories and no public risk identified for any NWT communities or recent air travelers.

### **Presumptive positive test at Diavik confirmed**

The presumptive positive COVID-19 test at Diavik Diamond Mine has been confirmed.

All contacts are isolating on-site. Public health continues to work with Diavik medical staff to monitor the situation at the mine site, but there is no indication of an outbreak.

There is no additional risk identified to NWT communities.

### **Stick to healthy habits**

While there is a natural anxiety which comes from seeing additional cases, the most important thing to remember is that the risk has not changed for the general public.

To keep yourself and others safe, it is important to continue to practice the healthy habits we all know work:

- Prioritize physical distance of at least six feet.
- Wear a non-medical mask when you're out.
- Keep crowds small and spaces large.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you're feeling sick – even if it's mild.



- Get assessed for COVID-19 testing if you have any symptoms.
- Be a responsible self-isolator whenever required.

Until there is an effective, available treatment or vaccine, there will always be risk but we can always take some control over our risk by practicing these healthy habits every day.

### **Attribution**

All commentary is attributable to Dr. Kami Kandola, Chief Public Health Officer.

### **Relevant links**

- [Protecting Privacy in a Pandemic](#)
- [Video: About Contact Tracing](#)
- [NWT COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [GNWT COVID-19 Website](#)
- [Health and Social Services Public Health Advisories](#)

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