



## **Community Update – June 24**

### **Emerging Wisely Current State: Relaxing Phase 2: Next Steps**

#### **Extension of Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency**

The territory-wide Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency have been extended in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Both extensions will take effect as of June 24, 2020 and expire on July 08, 2020.

#### **Reason for Extension**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues in Canada and around the world. To protect the health of NWT residents, there will continue to be a need for appropriate public health measures and restrictions, including the continuation of the state of Public Health Emergency and the implementation of public health orders issued and enforced by the CPHO. As a result of these measures, the NWT has been successful in managing the risk of COVID-19 to date and has been able to begin implementing Emerging Wisely, the CPHO's plan for relaxing public health restrictions.

The GNWT will continue to review its actions and arrangements for responding to the pandemic to ensure they remain effective and are aligned with the current circumstances, including relaxed restrictions as identified in Emerging Wisely.

#### **Travel Reminders**

The Government of the Northwest Territories is reminding everyone that travel within the NWT is restricted with limited exceptions. Everyone entering the NWT is still required to self-isolate for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River or Fort Smith before travelling to their home community – with few exceptions.

All residents are reminded to follow the orders and advice from the Chief Public Health Officer as we proceed in Phase 2 of the Emerging Wisely plan.

#### **Relaxing Phase 3: Careful steps past the second wave**

The move to Phase 3 is dependent on the timing of the second wave of COVID-19 in Canada and the United States. It is forecast that the second wave could come between August and October, 2020.