

Community Update – May 12

Emerging Wisely

Today the GNWT released its plan forward in responding to COVID-19. The Emerging Wisely plan outlines where we are, and how we will safely, gradually, and wisely ease our restrictions so NWT residents can understand what is coming, what we are all working towards, and the stakes if we do not remain cautious in the face of this challenge.

The path to eased measures contains five distinct phases – our current state, and four phases of easing measures.

Current State: Containment Relaxing Phase 1: first steps Relaxing Phase 2: next steps

Relaxing Phase 3: careful steps past the second wave

Final Measures Lifted

A reminder that we are still in the current state of containment. To begin easing restrictions we must have zero non-imported cases until at least May 15, 2020 – two incubation periods, or 28 days, since the test confirming the last identified case in the NWT has recovered was collected. This time period provides strong evidence that no cases have been detected, and any outstanding tests will have returned which may have indicated community spread related the now-recovered cases.

The Town will be reviewing the Emerging Wisely plan and communicating how the Relaxing Phase 1, where certain measures are eased, apply to our community.

Until we move to Relaxing Phase 1, we ask all community members to continue practicing the social distancing regulations in effect and following the other recommendations to stay safe.

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