

Mining Incentive Program

2020-21 Application COVID-19 Checklist

To stop the spread of COVID-19, the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) of the Northwest Territories (NWT) has issued public health orders that affect the mineral exploration industry. The recipients of Mining Incentive Program (MIP) funding must be compliant with the public health orders, and high-risk proposals will not be eligible for MIP funding. The following checklist must be included with all MIP applications to ensure that applicants understand their responsibilities and how their proposed project activities are impacted by these public health orders.

I have read and understand how my project is affected by the [current CPHO public health orders](#), especially:

- [Public Health Order – COVID-19 Directed at Mineral and Petroleum Industry \(April 10, 2020\)](#)
- [Public Health Order – COVID-19 Prohibition of Gatherings and Closures of Certain Business \(April 11, 2020\)](#)
- [Public Health Order – COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol – AS AMENDED APRIL 27, 2020](#)

I understand that non-NWT residents entering the NWT to work in the mineral exploration industry must comply with the public health orders as they pertain to [essential service workers](#).

The health and safety plan for my project will include the following documents provided by the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC):

- [COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Worksite Precautions \(for employers\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Field Level Risk Assessment \(for workers\)](#)

My MIP application includes a preliminary risk assessment as outlined on pages 2 and 3 of the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Worksite Precautions provided by the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC). The risk assessment must identify the project’s COVID-19 hazards and the hazard controls that will be implemented.

I understand that if my project is selected to receive MIP funding, proof of compliance with CPHO orders and guidelines will be required before funds are released. Proof of compliance includes: approved self-isolation plans (if applicable), completed WSCC risk assessment forms, and CPHO-approved workplan that outlines how the project will meet the public health orders and guidelines related to COVID-19. If my project fails to demonstrate compliance, it will become ineligible for MIP funding.

I understand that in the event of changes to CPHO requirements, my project will still need to demonstrate compliance or it will become ineligible for MIP funding.

Community Access: Access to remote NWT communities is strongly discouraged. If your project requires access to NWT communities other than Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith, or Inuvik, your application must include:

A list of all remote NWT communities your project will access.

A risk assessment plan that outlines how COVID-19 risks to these communities will be mitigated (e.g., aircraft only landing for fuel, occupants will not depart aircraft).

A description of how your access plan will be communicated to the host community.

- If your project is funded, you need to provide evidence of contact with the community about your plan.

Project Name	Applicant Name	Applicant Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)