# **COVID-19 INFORMATION** Vaccinations for Non-Resident Workers

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# **About vaccinations**

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. They are proven to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Right now they are the best tool we have to stop COVID-19.

#### Vaccination of non-resident workers

The GNWT is able to vaccinate non-resident workers who risk importing COVID-19 into the NWT. This includes seasonal or rotational workers who are in the NWT for extended periods of time. Non-resident workers are encouraged to access the vaccine in their home province or territory before they come to the NWT if that is an option. Workers are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final dose of vaccine.

## How do I request a vaccine for myself or my employees?

If non-resident workers are unable to be vaccinated in a home province or territory, non-resident workers or employers can request vaccinations via email at this time.

Please email <u>CPHO@gov.nt.ca</u> with the following information:

- Name of worker
- Email of worker
- Contact number for worker
- Company
- Nature of work
- Location where work will take place
- Rotational schedule (how often do they leave and return to the NWT)
- How long worker will be in the NWT (total duration of contract)
- What type of contact worker will have with NWT residents or out of territory travellers

#### **Getting vaccinated**

With an approval letter from the OCPHO, workers can book appointments at <u>NWT vaccine</u> <u>clinics.</u> It is recommended vaccination take place in a hub community (Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith or Inuvik) before entering remote, isolated areas or smaller communities.

## **Self-isolation**

No one should leave self-isolation to be vaccinated. If in self-isolation, public health must be notified in advance of vaccination bookings so that an appointment can be properly coordinated.

\*Fully vaccinated non-resident workers travelling within Canada may be able to <u>reduce self-isolation periods</u> in the NWT. Non-resident workers must follow the guidance from their home province or territory to receive acceptable proof of vaccination.

