



VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT

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Vuntut Gwitchin Government COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Policy

This is an internal policy document developed by Vuntut Gwitchin Chief and Council to outline when and what voluntary and/or mandatory public health measures will be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Vuntut Gwitchin reserves the right to adapt, change, or modify actions in this plan at any time in accordance with the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Community Emergency Act.

Staying Safe in All Risk Levels

During low-, medium-, and high-risk levels all Vuntut Gwitchin citizens are encouraged to take precautions against COVID-19 by:

- Physically distancing: Keeping a 2-metre distance – staying one caribou apart – from others when outside their home, or outside their social “bubble”
- Wearing a mask in indoor public spaces and when physical distancing is not possible outside
- Avoiding hugging, shaking hands, or touching people outside their household or social bubble
- Washing hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds; or using a hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol when hand washing is not possible
- Staying home when they are sick, or feel unwell, even if they feel they could “power through”
- Avoiding in-person visits with Elders, citizens with health conditions, and people outside their social bubble
- Avoiding non-essential travel as much as possible and taking precautions against COVID-19 when travelling outside Old Crow.

Risk Level	Situation/Triggers	Public Measures	VGG policy response /comments
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 or less active cases in the Yukon.• No Old Crow resident exposed to COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old Crow residents can create a social “bubble” between two households. Members of these two households should only socialize in person with each other.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Once two households are in a bubble, they cannot gather	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• VGG offices and buildings open with physical distancing and masking rules in place.• Anyone arriving in Old Crow from travel outside of the Yukon is expected to send the VGG COVID-19 coordinator a copy of the self-isolation plan they

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		<p>with people in different households.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Crow residents should stay home if they are sick, even if it is just a mild cold. A sick person should not leave their home until they are healthy again. • Old Crow residents should be isolating for 14 days if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They may have been in close contact with someone who has or is being tested for COVID-19. ○ They are returning from travel outside the Yukon. 	<p>provided Yukon Government when they arrived in the territory.</p>
<p>Medium (voluntary measures)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 or more active cases in the Yukon and/or • Old Crow resident(s) possibly exposed to COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Crow residents encouraged to stay home as much as possible. • Social gatherings are discouraged. Old Crow residents can visit with people in their two-household bubble but should be self-isolating as much as possible. • Old Crow residents that have any cold or flu symptoms, or signs of COVID-19, should immediately isolate for 14 days and call the nursing station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may, at their discretion, enact the <i>Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Community Emergency Act</i>, to make certain public health measures mandatory for the safety of its citizens. • VGG buildings closed. VGG office open by appointment only. • VGG staff required to wear masks. • Capital projects workers isolated from community members.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Crow residents should be isolating for 14 days if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They may have been in close contact with someone who has or is being tested for COVID-19. ○ They develop any cold or flu symptoms, or signs of COVID-19. ○ They attended a gathering. ○ They are travelling from Whitehorse or a Yukon community with more than one active case (unless they are an essential worker). ○ They are returning from travel outside the Yukon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone returning from travel outside of the Yukon is expected to send the VGG COVID-19 coordinator a copy of the self-isolation plan they provided Yukon Government when they arrived in the territory.
<p>Medium (mandatory measures)</p>	<p>Council determines that some voluntary measures need to be made mandatory to keep our community safe. Aspects of the <i>Vuntut Gwitchin Emergency Act</i> come into force.</p>	<p>The following measures may become mandatory at Council’s discretion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social gatherings are prohibited. Old Crow residents can visit with people in their two-household bubble but should be self-isolating as much as possible. • Old Crow residents must isolate for 14 days if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They may have been in close contact with someone who 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Vuntut Gwitchin Emergency Act</i> is enacted to make certain public health measures enforceable by law including, but not limited to, the measures outlined in the previous column. • Anyone arriving to Old Crow from travel to Whitehorse or a Yukon community with more than one active case may be required to self-isolate for 14 days and present a self-isolation plan to the VGG.

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		<p>has or is being tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They develop any cold or flu symptoms, or signs of COVID-19. ○ They attended a gathering. ○ They are travelling from Whitehorse or a Yukon community with more than one active case (unless they are an essential worker). ○ They are returning from travel outside the Yukon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anyone arriving in Old Crow from travel outside of the Yukon is expected to send the VGG COVID-19 coordinator a copy of the self-isolation plan they provided Yukon Government when they arrived in the territory.
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 40+ active cases in Whitehorse and/or ● Old Crow resident(s) test positive for COVID-19. 	<p>The following measures become mandatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Old Crow residents must stay home and isolate until the risk level decreases. ● Non-essential travel into Old Crow prohibited. Only authorized persons can enter the community. ● Gatherings of any kind are strictly prohibited, including between two-household bubbles. ● Old Crow residents who develop cold or flu symptoms, or signs of COVID-19, must call the nursing station and isolate for 14 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Community Emergency Act</i> comes into force making mandatory all public measures needed to keep the community safe. ● VGG buildings and offices closed. Staff can be contacted by phone only. ● Capital projects workers isolated from community members. ● Anyone returning from travel outside of Old Crow must be authorized by VGG to enter the community, required to self-isolate for 14 days, and present a self-isolation plan to the VGG.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory testing for residents who have two or more symptoms of COVID-19, or who health care practitioners decide requires testing.• Old Crow residents cannot leave their house for 14 days if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ They develop any cold or flu symptoms, or signs of COVID-19.○ They may have been in close contact with someone who has or is being tested for COVID-19.○ They attended a gathering.○ They were travelling outside of Old Crow.	
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