



COVID-19 Safety Planning

January 31-February 4, 2022



Notice to Parties and the public, **January 6, 2022**

This notice provides safety planning information to assist Parties and the public wishing to participate in the Déline 2021 Virtual Public Listening Session (PLS). Information provided is based on current public health orders issued by the NWT Office of the Chief Public Health Officer on January 4, 2022. These orders will be in place until January 21, and there remains uncertainty about the restrictions that will follow into the period of the PLS.

The SRRB wishes to support a COVID-safe proceeding, and for those wishing to participate as household or community “bubbles,” this will require advance planning. Temporary restrictions may also be put in place for individual communities. The SRRB also recognizes and supports local protocols for safety that may be in addition to GNWT restrictions.

*The SRRB invites comments, questions or objections related to this PLS COVID-19 safety approach until **January 11, 2022**.* These can be submitted by email at info@srrb.nt.ca or phone (780) 686-5318.

Planning a COVID-Safe Local “Bubble”

Parties and the public may participate in the virtual PLS individually by teleconference or Zoom, in household bubbles, or in a community bubble. The GNWT restrictions for household and community bubbles currently in place, and which may be in place during January 31-February 4.

As much as possible it is encouraged for participants in bubbles to be **fully vaccinated** (including a third booster shot). Getting vaccinated can prevent or reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 disease. All NWT residents 16 and over are now eligible for the third booster shot. For more information, see www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/covid-19-vaccine.

For more information about the current public health order, see www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/current-public-health-orders. Guidance on healthy practices can be found at www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/healthy-habits. Please contact your local government or COVID-19 coordinator for information about local protocols.

The following information is adapted from current public health advice and wise practice.

Household Bubbles

At this time, households are limited to no more than ten (10) people indoors at one time with a maximum of five (5) non-household members allowed.

Community Bubbles

At this time, community bubbles are limited to twenty-five (25) individuals within one venue. Physical distancing and wearing masks is mandatory. **Physical distancing** means staying at least two metres or six feet apart from other people not in your household. The venue should have a seating arrangement that allows for this. **Masking** is a way to contain the hundreds of droplets that can be generated by just speaking, and prevent infection from spreading.

It is also strongly advised that local coordinators arrange for the following practices during the event:

- Provide **fresh masks** daily for participants.
- Provide **hand sanitizer** and remind participants to clean their hands frequently.
- Arrange for **regular cleaning** of frequently touched surfaces in the venue with a cleaner containing soap or detergent. Make a list of all surfaces that must be cleaned. Cleaning should ideally take place twice per day (morning and afternoon). Guidelines for sanitation and infection control can be found at www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/cleaning_staff.html.

Contact Us!

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