



Town of Fort Smith

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Today, the Office of the Chief Public Health officer identified and confirmed four more COVID-19 cases in Fort Smith.

The following is an excerpt from the statement about the case from the NWT Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO):

"Four additional positive COVID-19 tests have been confirmed in Fort Smith. This is an instance of household transmission related to the case of COVID-19 in Fort Smith announced on November 11. This was connected to travel outside the NWT. All individuals continue to isolate and recover safely at-home.

A contact investigation indicates there are no outstanding contacts in the Northwest Territories and no public risk identified for any NWT communities or recent air travelers. "

To read the statement in its entirety, go to <https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/covid-19-update-november-12-2020>.

We are thankful for the family for their diligence in following the self-isolation protocols and wish them a full recovery. We cannot overstate the importance of following the self-isolation protocols after returning from travel outside of NWT in limiting the virus's spread. It is critical that if you travel outside of the NWT that you self-isolate responsibly upon your return.

We continue to encourage the public to follow the recommendations of the CPHO, including wearing masks, practising physical distancing, and handwashing, and following the restrictions about gatherings.

For more information about the CPHO recommendations and protocols, please see the GNWT Emerging Wisely Public Health Risk Assessment at <https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/emerging-wisely-sortable-risk-assessment>.

Additionally, local stores and organizations will continue to update their safety practices to protect their staff and customers. We ask you to respect and embrace the measures they put in place for everyone's safety and benefit.

Thank you for your patience and kindness.

Mayor Lynn Napier and Fort Smith Town Council