COVID-19
INFORMATION FOR OUTFITTERS AND TOURISM OPERATORS

• The Northwest Territories (NWT) is currently under a state of emergency due to COVID-19. All big game hunting/outfitting for non-residents is closed for the foreseeable future due to travel restrictions put in place by the Chief Public Health Officer.

• Tourism and outfitting operations do not allow for suitable distancing measures to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. For this reason, the Chief Public Health Officer has closed all tourism operators in the NWT.

• The public health situation in the NWT and across Canada is changing rapidly. The Chief Public Health Officer cannot forecast how long these restrictions may be in place. The situation is re-evaluated by the Minister of Health and Social Services every two weeks.

• Although the revenue tourism and outfitting operations bring into the NWT is very important, all decisions about these operations must weigh the risk to public health and ensure our communities are protected. Protecting our communities is the primary concern of the GNWT during this health emergency.

• While on the land, northerners must continue to practice social distancing. Only people in the same household may go on the land together, and social gatherings should be avoided—even outside. Standing or sitting close together with anyone that does not live in the same household is not allowed. The rules for a person’s tent are no different than their home – no visitors.

• Anyone who does not comply with these public health orders could face a $10,000 fine or a prison term of up-to six months for a first offence.

To report a person or business that is not following the rules, contact the GNWT’s Compliance and Enforcement Taskforce. Anyone with credible, specific complaints is urged to email protectnwt@gov.nt.ca or call 1-833-378-8297.

If a business owner/operator has questions about continuing operations, or making their business safe, they should contact covid@gov.nt.ca to speak with an Environmental Health Officer.

For NWT businesses, the GNWT has compiled a list of resources to help get them through this difficult time: www.iti.gov.nt.ca/en/resources-businesses.

For the most accurate and up-to-date health information on COVID-19 in the NWT, visit: www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19.