



ISOLATION CENTRE PAYMENT

POLICY

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will pay the cost for individuals to stay at isolation centres when required during the COVID-19 public health emergency where safe isolation at home or another location is not available, as follows:

1. Medical Travel of Northwest Territories (NWT) residents that require use of an Isolation Centre

Use of an isolation centre by an NWT resident resulting from medical travel, based on a referral by an NWT Health Practitioner to access medically necessary health services.

2. Medically Advised Self-Isolation (MASI)

All uses of isolation centres, by NWT residents or non-residents, that have been advised by a doctor, health practitioner, or public health official that is not associated with medical travel. This category includes individuals advised to isolate while awaiting a COVID-19 test result or due to contact with a confirmed positive individual.

3. Compassionate Travel

Use of an isolation centre by NWT residents resulting from compassionate travel outside the NWT.

For the purposes of this Policy, compassionate travel is travel to attend a funeral or serious illness in the family, identified in a self-isolation plan, to be verified by relevant documents, statutory declaration, or other means.

For the purposes of this provision, “family” is an individual's father, mother, step-parent, brother, sister, spouse, common-law spouse, child, step-child, foster child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and any relative permanently residing in the individual's household or with whom the individual presently resides.

4. Students

Use of an isolation centre by NWT residents, and their dependents, who are returning to the NWT after attending primary, secondary, post-secondary education or apprenticeship outside the territory.

5. Legal requirements

The GNWT will pay for the use of isolation centres by residents resulting from travel outside of the territory that is required by law.

For the purposes of this Policy, such travel includes travel required by child custody arrangements and travel required by court orders, such as to attend a treatment centre or other program outside of the territory. Travel required by contractual obligations of a business nature will not be covered, unless enforced by a court order.

6. Unique circumstances:

Exceptional, unique or unforeseen circumstances where self-isolation in an isolation centre is required by an Order of the Chief Public Health Officer.

PURPOSE

This Policy establishes the circumstances under which the GNWT will pay for an individual's use of an isolation centre. This Policy will be in effect during the state of public health emergency declared in the NWT in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Financial Management Board

This Policy is issued under the authority of the Financial Management Board. The authority to make exceptions and approve revisions to this Policy rests with the Financial Management Board except as expressly provided in this Policy.

2. Minister responsible for the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat

The Minister is accountable to the Financial Management Board for the implementation of this Policy. The Minister is authorized to implement this Policy in a manner the Minister deems appropriate for the efficient and economical fulfilment of the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat's mandate.

3. Associate Deputy Minister of the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat

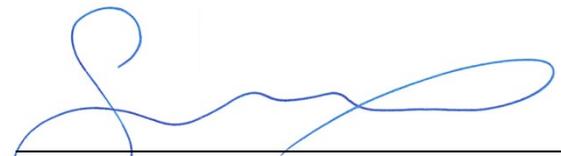
The Associate Deputy Minister is accountable to the Minister for the implementation and administration of this Policy.

The Associate Deputy Minister may determine the means of verifying whether an individual's use of an isolation centre is eligible to be covered by the GNWT under this

Policy, including the specific documentation that may be required.

PREROGATIVE OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Financial Management Board to make decisions or take action respecting the costs of the GNWT's COVID-19 pandemic response outside the provisions of this Policy.



Chair
Financial Management Board