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# **Consolidated COVID Statistics Report**

## **COVID Secretariat**

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## Status

Public Health Emergency	HSS Activation Level 4 – Activation of EOC
Emerging Wisely	Relaxing Phase 2: Next Steps
COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat	Transition existing response activities

## Public Health Orders

1. [COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2](#) (effective June 12, 2020) - [Emerging Wisely](#) provides a five-part plan taking the territory from containment measures through four phases of eased measures. Emerging Wisely identifies what requirements must be met to begin moving into each phase, and includes progressively eased restrictions on people, businesses, and activities important to residents. A pictorial [summary](#) is also available of the five phases mentioned above. Relaxing Phase 2: Next Steps started on Friday, June 12, 2020.
2. [COVID-19 Directed at Mineral and Petroleum Industry](#) (June 25, 2020) – Requires mining and oil and gas industries to take a number of measures to protect public health and continue safe operations at all mining and gas projects in the NWT.
3. [Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol](#) (As amended July 16, 2020) – Restricts travel within the NWT that originates from any inter-jurisdictional border with detailed exceptions. Provides instruction on following self-isolation protocols as applicable by self-isolating for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, or Fort Smith and complete a self-isolation plan within 24 hours.

## Current Situation

As of October 20, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. the Department of Health and Social Services' (HSS) [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) reports:

Completed Tests	Negative Tests	Tests Pending	Confirmed Cases	Recovered
5939	5933	40	6	5

The Territorial Public Health Emergency has been extended until October 27, 2020.

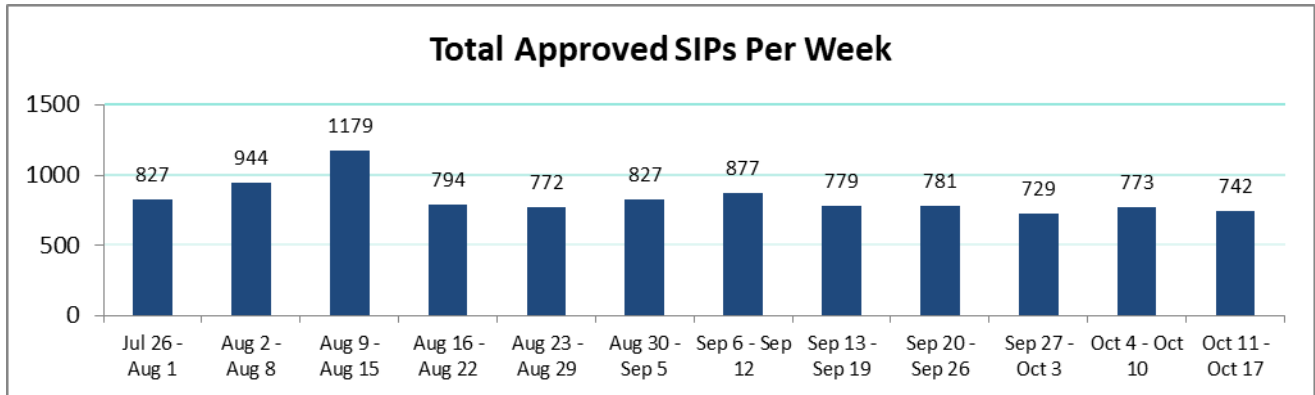
# Protect NWT

Travellers arriving in the NWT must mandatorily self-isolate for 14 days in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, or Fort Smith. All travelers must submit a Self-Isolation Plan with [Protect NWT](#) and submit symptom checks on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> days of self-isolation.

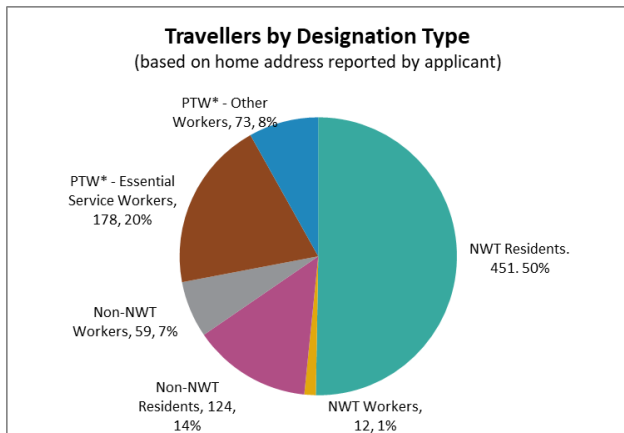
## As of October 17, 2020:

23,287 self-isolation plans (SIPs) have been submitted to Protect NWT and 668 are pending approval.

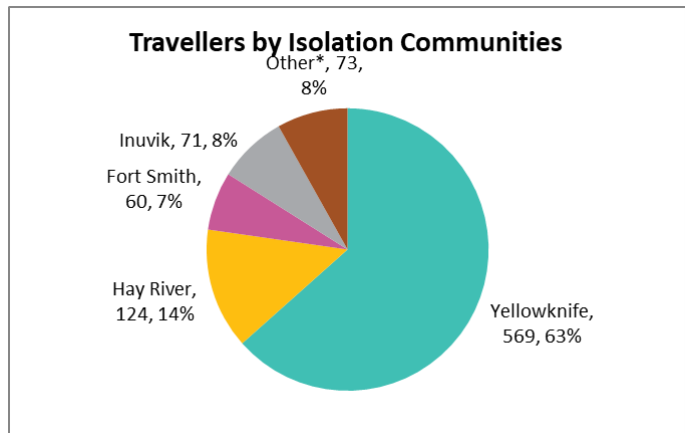
*Note:* As the COVID Secretariat continues to transition the various aspects of the COVID response under one roof, we are reconciling and verifying data collection and reporting. An adjustment has been made to the previous two weeks of data, and the average number of approved SIPs is now correctly reflected at 750/week.



897 travellers are currently within their 14 day self-isolation period.

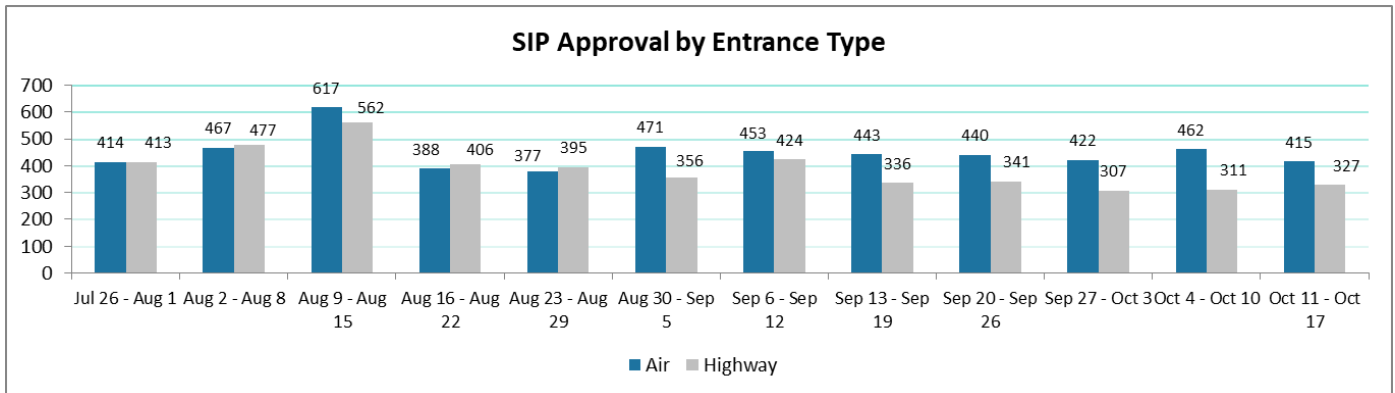


\* PTW – Permission to Work



\* Other – Essential Service Workers, exigent circumstances

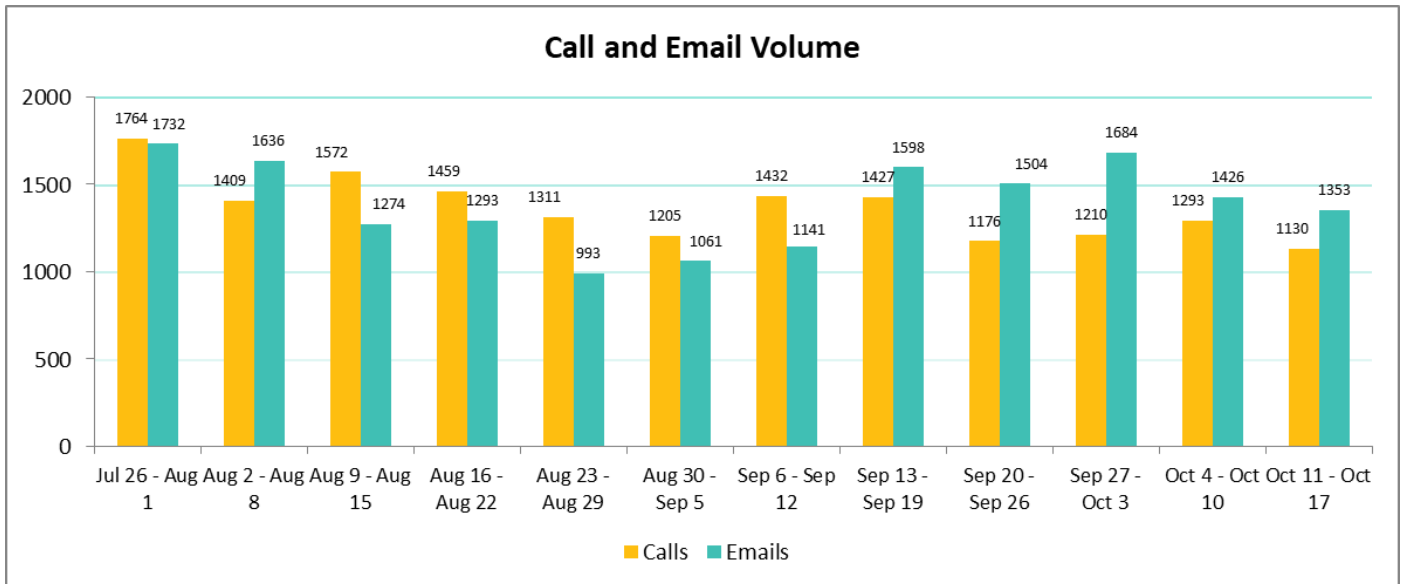
Travellers enter the NWT through a highway or airport border. Since the end of August, there have been more people applying to fly than drive into the NWT.



### Staff Workload

The reported call and email volumes reflect Protect NWT staff activity, not the total volume of incoming calls and emails, as incoming call and email volume on a given day or week may outpace Protect NWT staff capacity. Call and email volumes may be under-reported due to delays in tallying or incomplete data capture as the data is collected manually by Protect NWT staff.

Volume of incoming calls and emails rise with public health announcements, particularly those related to Public Health Order amendments. Inquiries to the Protect NWT office may go up in advance of Order changes if information is being communicated to the public about anticipated changes.



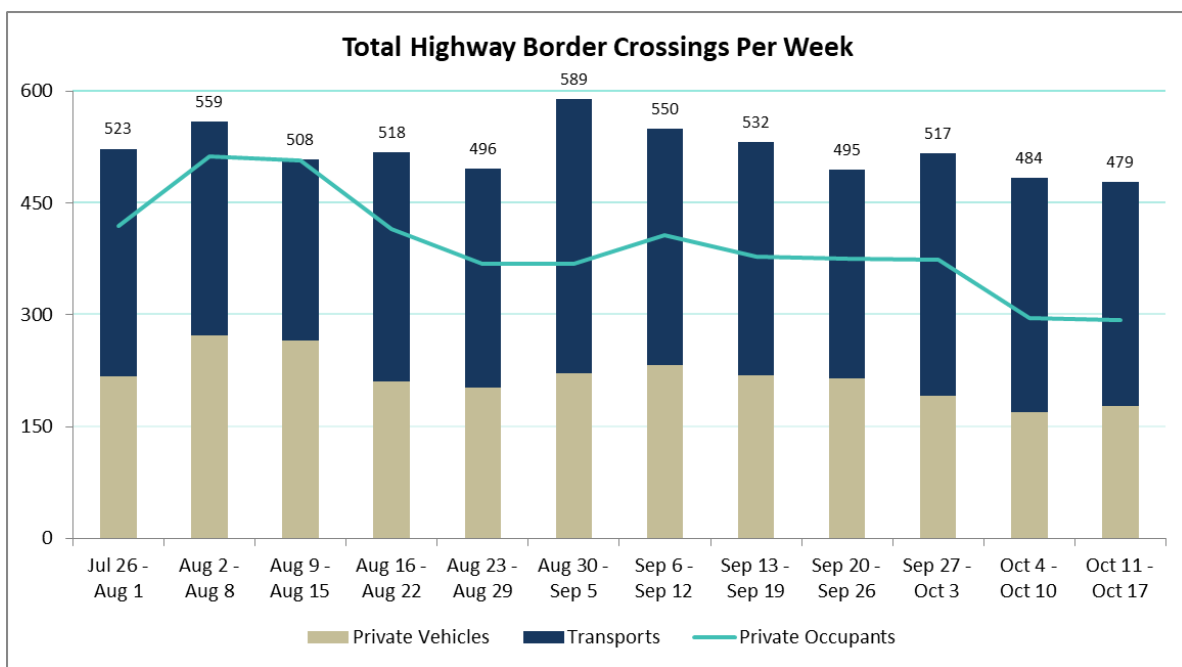
## Highway Borders

Checkpoints for Highway 1 (NWT/Alberta border), Highway 5 (near Fort Smith), and Highway 8 (NWT/Yukon border) continue to be open. The Highway 7 border crossing near Fort Liard remains closed; however, GNWT employees facilitate the movement of essential services. Border information for Fort Smith is not available. Travellers using border crossings are subject to conditions of the June 12, 2020 Public Health Order.

### As of October 17, 2020:

There have been 12,918 total vehicles cross the NWT border (private vehicles and transports), with 8,872 private occupants entering the NWT.

Border Access		Sep 6 – Sep 12	Sep 13 – Sep 19	Sep 20 – Sep 26	Sep 27 – Oct 3	Oct 4 – Oct 10	Oct 11 – Oct 17
Hwy 1	Private vehicles	214	206	194	174	164	172
	Transports	279	288	245	285	285	268
	<b>Total Crossings</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>440</b>
	Private Occupants	383	355	330	281	286	276
Hwy 7	Private vehicles	18	13	21	17	14	6
	Transports	39	25	35	41	47	33
	<b>Total Crossings</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>39</b>
	Private Occupants	24	23	46	35	27	17



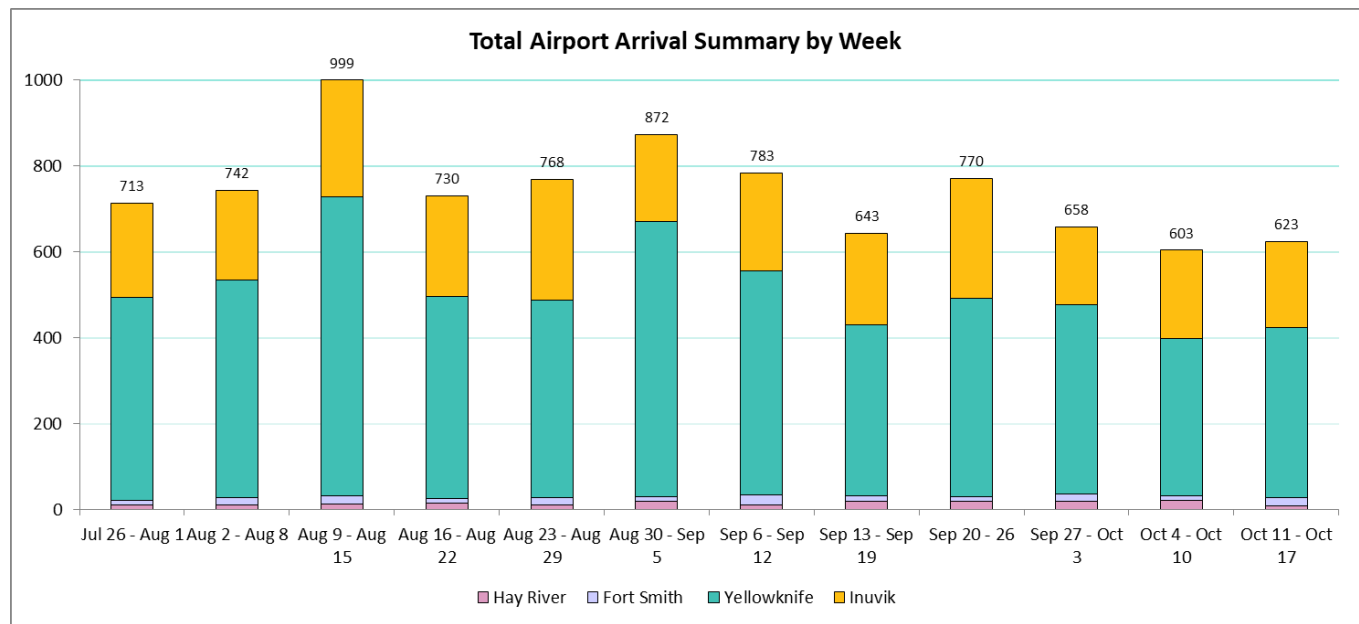
## Airport Borders

Airport screening is located at airport terminals in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Fort Smith and Hay River to ensure passengers are aware of and abiding by the Public Health Orders.

### As of October 17, 2020:

15,286 passengers have entered the NWT:

Community	Total	% of Traffic
Hay River	368	2.5%
Fort Smith	388	2.5%
Yellowknife	9,951	65.0%
Inuvik	4,579	30.0%
<b>Total NWT</b>	<b>15,286</b>	



## Isolation Centres

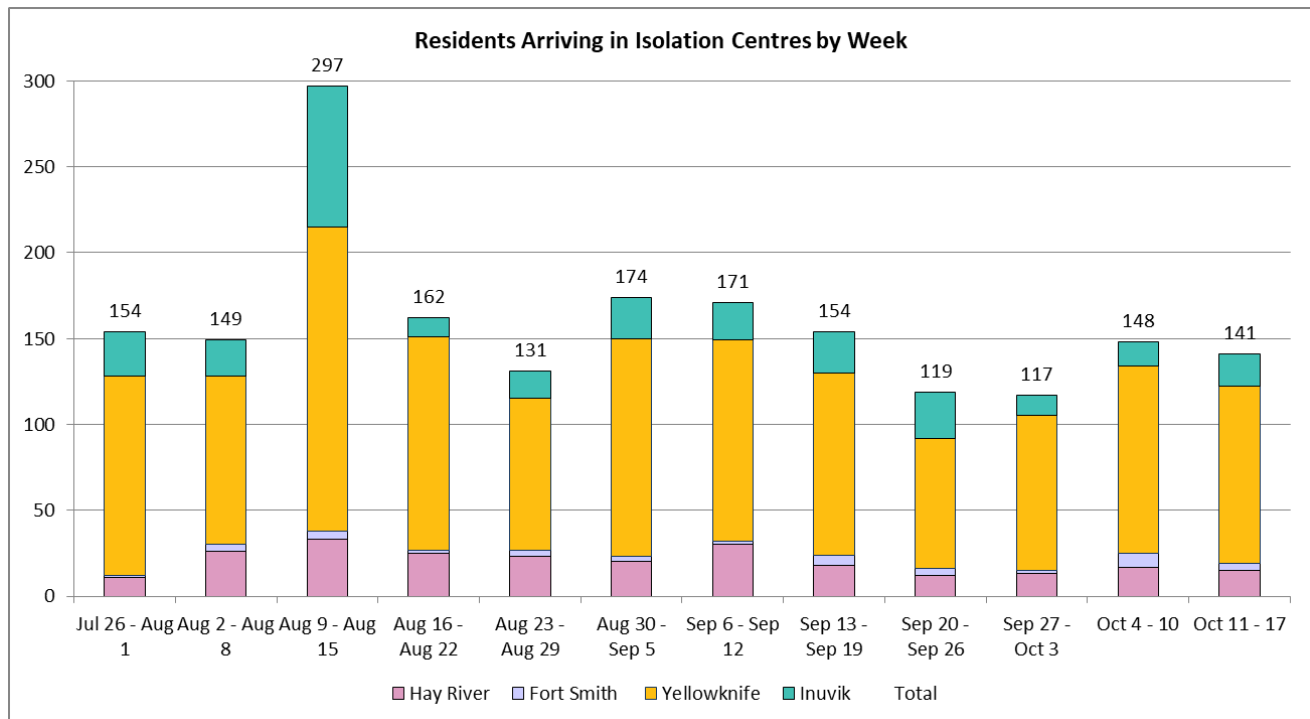
Isolation Centres are available in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Fort Smith for NWT residents and new residents that are required to self-isolate under the Public Health Order.

### As of October 17, 2020:

3,368 NWT residents have stayed in an Isolation Centre.

Currently, Isolation Centres have:

Community	Rooms Occupied	Total Persons in Isolation Centres	Total Persons Checked-out of Isolation Centres
Hay River	16	18	518
Fort Smith	7	9	83
Yellowknife	148	216	1,985
Inuvik	20	28	511
<b>Total NWT</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>3,097</b>



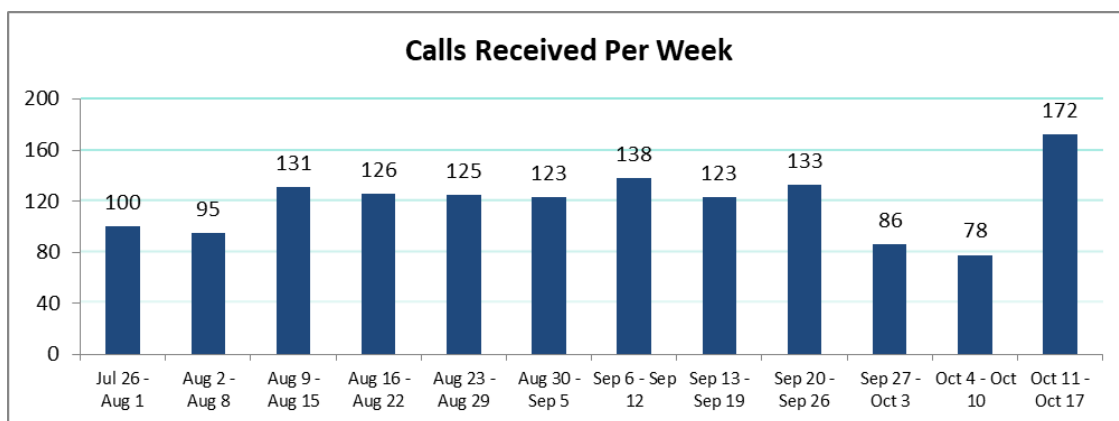
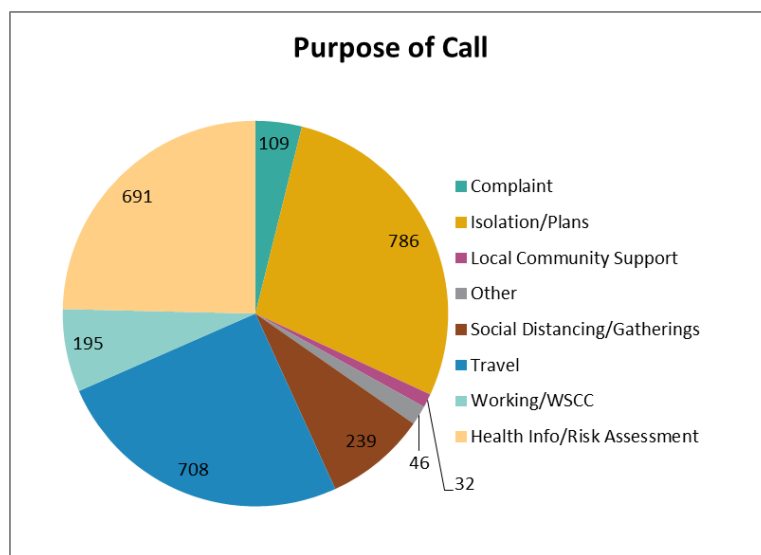


## COVID-19 Info Line

The 811 Information Line is available from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., 7 days a week for general information about COVID-19. Operators assist callers by answering questions about COVID-19; determining if they should contact their local health centre to arrange for testing using the assessment guide; accepting credible, specific complaints of individuals not following public health orders for further consideration; Providing them contact info to local health care providers and resources; or providing contact information to other services as requested to help them during this time of physical distancing and self-isolation.

### Info Line Stats

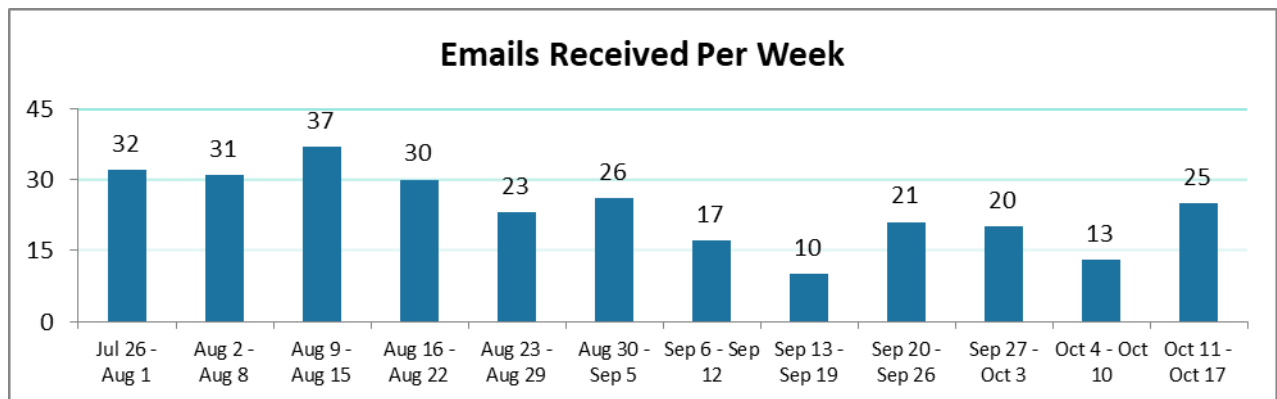
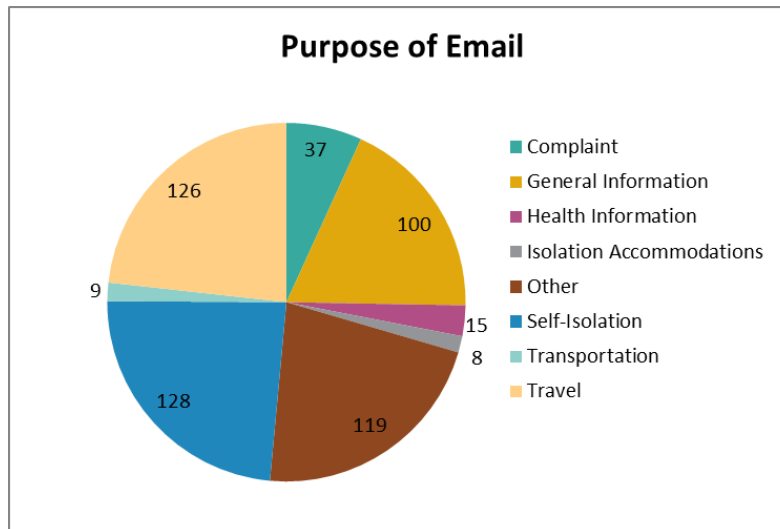
- 2,806 calls were received between April 15 – October 17, 2020.
- 172 calls were received in the last week – more than double the previous week.
- The majority of calls originate from one of the four designated communities (2,361/2806):
  - Yellowknife – 1,864
  - Hay River – 176
  - Inuvik – 190
  - Fort Smith - 131



## Info Line Email Stats

COVID-19 Info Line took over responsibility for responding to emails received at [COVID@gov.nt.ca](mailto:COVID@gov.nt.ca) from the OCPHO on June 1, 2020. Data is not available prior to June 1, 2020.

- 542 emails received between June 1, 2020 – October 17, 2020
- 25 emails were responded to in the last week – double the previous week.

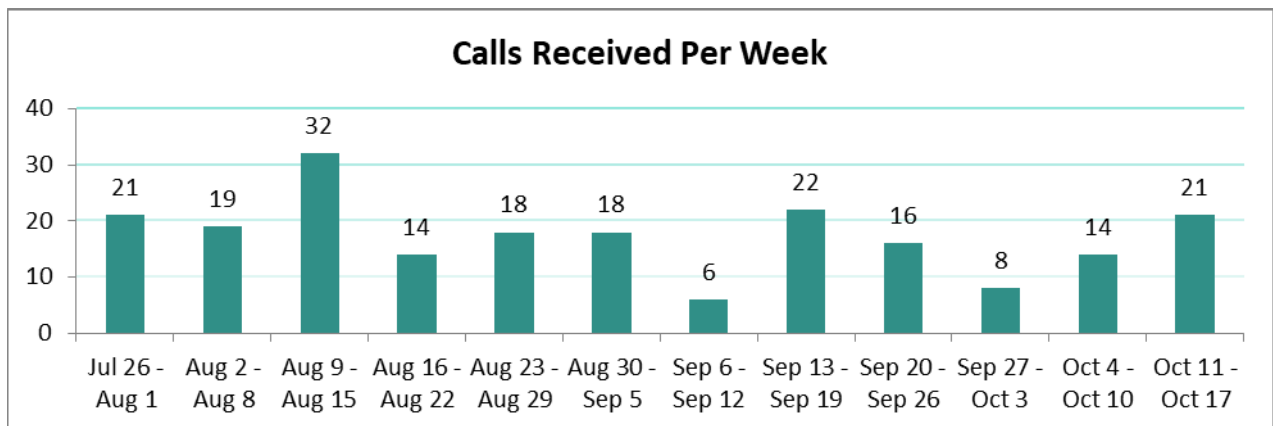
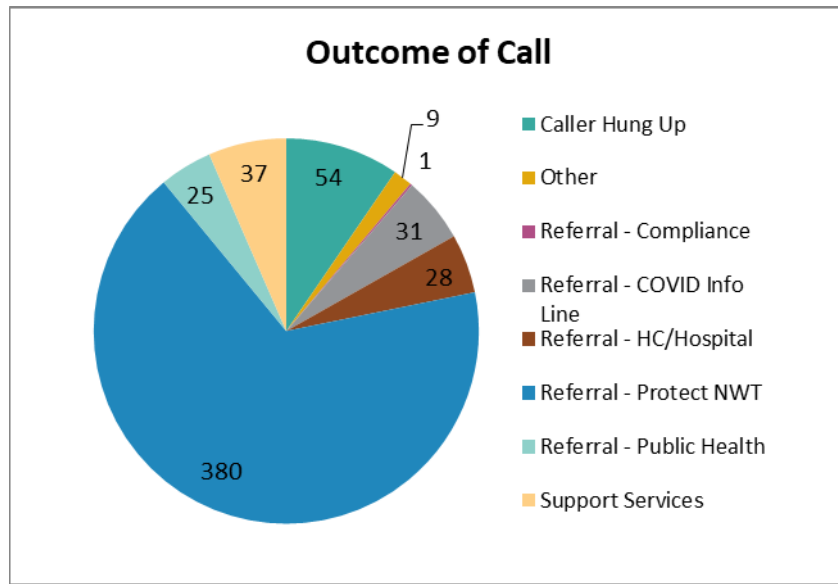


## Services NWT

Services NWT (COVID-19 Info Line, Option 5), provides information and referrals to services and supports in NWT communities.

### Services NWT Stats

- 565 calls received between April 20 – October 17, 2020.
- 21 calls were received in the last week.

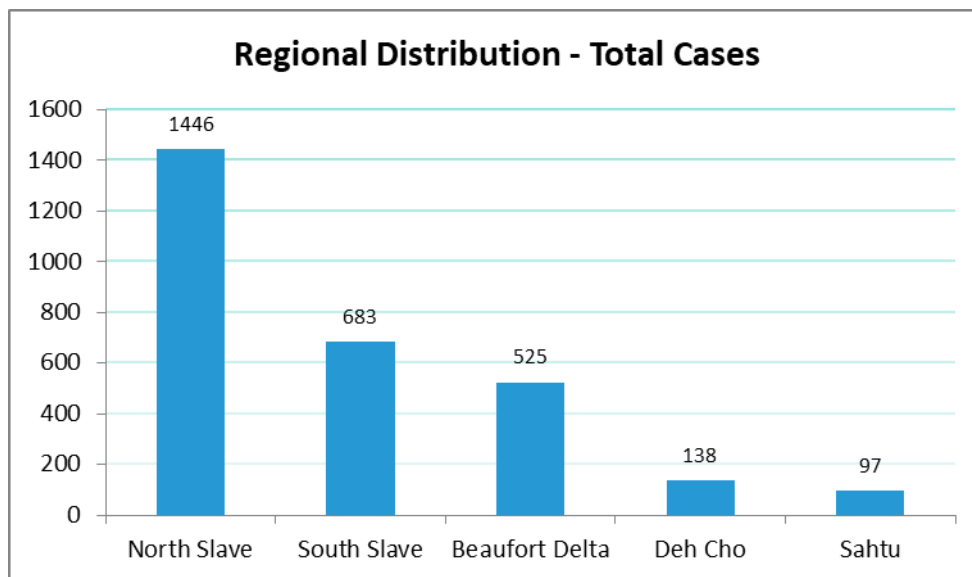
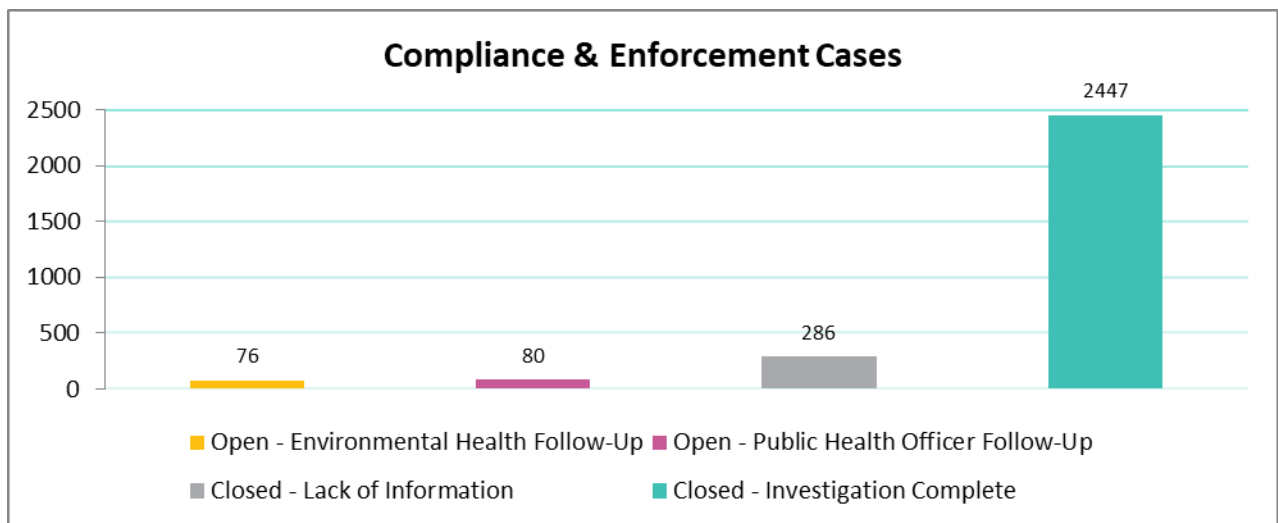


## Compliance and Enforcement

Public Health Officers serve all regions of the NWT to enforce the Public Health Orders. The Compliance and Enforcement Taskforce (CET) work to educate people and business on the rules, investigate complaints and non-compliance, and may issue written warnings or tickets if the rules continue to be ignored.

### As of October 17, 2020:

There have been 2,889 total cases. In the last seven days 74 new cases have been opened and 63 cases were closed.



## Investigations and Warnings by Region

Region	Cases	Verbal Warnings	Written Warnings
Beaufort Delta	525	111	N/A
Deh Cho	138	10	5
North Slave	1,446	89	11
Sahtu	97	9	15
South Slave	683	71	11
<b>Total CET calls/emails received</b>			2,889
<b>Total Warnings (verbal &amp; written)</b>			332
<b>Total Summary Offence Tickets</b>			28

- 28 summary offence tickets have been issued, each with a fine of \$1,725.
- In the past week, there were no new charges.
- The majority of non-compliance being reported is related to people not isolating as outlined in their self-isolation plan, or as the self-isolation protocols recommend. The last 19 charges have all been for NWT residents who failed to self-isolate.
- Regional leads and CET Officers have visited 32 NWT communities.

