

## STATEMENT

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## Nunatsiavut Government offices to close to general public

The Nunatsiavut Government will close all of its offices, including the Illusuak Cultural Centre in Nain, to the general public, effective March 18, 2020. Exceptions will be made to ensure continued essential program and service delivery.

Members of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service will have the option to work from home with the approval of immediate supervisors. Those that report to their place of work will be required to ensure they follow generally-accepted protocols to prevent exposure to and the spread of COVID-19. These protocols include regular washing of hands with soap and water or hand sanitizers and maintaining a safe distance of 2 metres or more from others (social distancing).

All staff have also been advised that if they develop any symptoms (cough, fever or difficulty breathing) to stay at home and to contact the provincial Healthline at 811 for further instructions.

Cleaners will be permitted to enter offices after hours to ensure work stations are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

These precautionary measures will be in effect for a two-week period and re-evaluated on an ongoing basis.

It is important to note that there will be no break in essential Nunatsiavut Government programs and services.

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