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## **COVID-19 Emergency Food Supplement Program announced for Beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville**

The Nunatsiavut Government today announced that assistance will be provided to ensure Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement residing in the Constituency of Upper Lake Melville have sufficient nutritious food to support health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Many Labrador Inuit in Upper Lake Melville face food-insecurity issues at the best of times,” says Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe. “This program will help those who are most in need during these trying times.”

The Emergency Food Supplement Program is geared towards helping individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 and those most vulnerable to the virus. Priority will be given to seniors (60 years and older and on fixed incomes, persons with disabilities, single parents, low-income families (receiving income support, living on fixed-pension incomes or employment insurance), and individuals and families who have had their employment hours cut or have been laid off because of the pandemic.

### **How to apply**

Beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area wishing to apply for the Emergency Food Supplement Program are asked to call the following numbers in their respective communities during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday):

**Happy Valley-Goose Bay/Mud Lake  
North West River**

**(709) 896-3396  
(709) 497-8807 or 497-8808**

Plans are in the works to provide assistance to Labrador Inuit residing Constituency of Canada. Details will be announced soon.

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