



## **COVID-19 Food Supplement Program (Upper Lake Melville)**

*On December 2, 2020, the Nunatsiavut Government announced details of a second round of support initiatives aimed at assisting Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims deal with impacts associated with the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.*

The purpose of the *COVID-19 Food Supplement Program* for the Constituency of Upper Lake Melville is to ensure seniors, low-income families and individuals have access to nutritional food (and equipment necessary to prepare food). Adequate nutrition is crucial for maintaining good health and having the ability to fight off infection.

Under this program, the Nunatsiavut Government will provide gift cards on a bi-weekly basis for seniors (65 years of age and older) and eligible family units. Anyone whose application has been approved by December 9 will receive their first gift card on December 11. These gift cards will be available at a store chosen by eligible program recipients. Individuals will be required to provide identification when picking up gift cards, which can only be redeemed at the store chosen by eligible recipients.

Eligible purchases include all food items (including yoghurt tubes and ice cream), with the exception of pop, energy drinks, chips, bars, candy, etc. Dishes, cutlery, food storage containers and laundry detergent are also permitted to be purchased.

Ineligible purchases include lottery tickets, tobacco products and alcohol.

Please note that gift cards not picked up within two weeks of being issued will be cancelled.

### **Eligibility**

This program is only available to Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Applications must be completed in order to be eligible to receive assistance under this program.

The table below sets out the income cut off.

**Baseline: Central and Western Labrador**

<b>Total # of Individuals in Family Unit</b>	<b>Baseline Income</b>	<b>Incremental Impact of Spouse/Dependents (\$500 per individual)</b>	<b>Total Amount with Dependents + Spouse:</b>	<b>Annual Income after taxes</b>
Single	\$2,200	0	\$2,200	\$26,400
2	\$2,200	\$500	\$2,700	\$32,400
3	\$2,200	\$1000	\$3,200	\$38,400
4	\$2,200	\$1,500	\$3,700	\$44,400
5	\$2,200	\$2,000	\$4,200	\$50,400
6	\$2,200	\$2,500	\$4,700	\$56,400

## How to apply

Beneficiaries wishing to apply for *COVID-19 Food Supplement Program* for Upper Lake Melville are asked to contact one of the following individuals during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday):

<b>Contact person</b>	<b>Contact numbers</b>
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