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Seafood harvesters, plant workers deemed ‘essential’

The Nunatsiavut Government and Torngat Fish Co-op wishes to advise that while seafood harvesters and plant workers (including contractors, short-term employees and managers) are exempt from COVID-19 travel restrictions, the following is being recommended:

- Those who have any respiratory symptoms, are awaiting test results for COVID-19, or have been advised by Public Health authorities to self-isolate, are being asked not travel to Labrador Inuit communities.
- Those travelling to Labrador Inuit communities from within Newfoundland and Labrador who do not have COVID-19-related symptoms etc., will no longer be required to self-isolate for 14 days in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. However, they must self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after arriving any Labrador Inuit community and when on a fishing vessel.
- To follow the same provincial guidelines as every other member of the community, including:
 - Practicing good hand hygiene;
 - Avoiding touching your face;
 - Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue and dispose of it properly;
 - Maintaining a physical distance of at least two arm lengths (two metres), or wear a mask in physical distancing cannot be maintained; and
 - Staying at home and not go to work if sick.

Torngat Fish Co-op will implement measures that will be on par or exceed industry standards with respect to COVID-19 precautions.

“Torngat Fish Co-op has and will continue to work with our employees, Inuit Community Governments and Nunatsiavut Government for a safe working environment during these unprecedented times. We will continue to provide information on our measures as the processing season commences,” says General Manager Keith Watts.

“We want to commend Torngat Fish Co-op for going above and beyond to ensure the safety of harvesters, plant workers and Labrador Inuit communities during these difficult and trying times,” says Nunatsiavut’s Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Greg Flowers.

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