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## **COVID-19 Nunatsiavut Food Supplement Program**

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 Agreement, residing in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, deal with impacts associated with the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of the *COVID-19 Nunatsiavut Food Supplement Program* 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 provides purchase orders on a bi-weekly basis for seniors (65 years of age and older) and eligible family units. These purchase orders are issued directly to stores chosen by eligible program recipients within each Labrador Inuit community.

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 all purchase orders will expire two weeks after the date they are issued.

## **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 levels.

## **Baseline: Coastal Labrador**

Total # of Individuals in Family Unit	Baseline Income	Incremental Impact of Spouse/Dependents (\$500 per individual)	Total Amount with Dependents + Spouse:	Annual Income after taxes
Single	\$2,500	0	\$2,500	\$30,000
2	\$2,500	\$650	\$3,150	\$37,800
3	\$2,500	\$1,300	\$3,800	\$45,600
4	\$2,500	\$1,950	\$4,450	\$53,400
5	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$5,100	\$61,200
6	\$2,500	\$3,250	\$5,750	\$69,000

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## How to apply

Beneficiaries wishing to apply for *COVID-19 Nunatsiavut Food Supplement Program* are asked to contact the following in their respective communities during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday):

Community	<b>Contact Person</b>	Contact Numbers
Nain	Rutie Dicker	709-922-2942 (ext. 222)
	Mary Adelaide	709-922-2942 (ext. 260)
Hopedale	Ethel Hunter	709-933-3777
	Dawn Winters	709-933-3777
Postville	Jennifer Jacque-Poole	709-479-9878 or 709-479-9842
	Betty Vincent	709-479-9880
Makkovik	Carol Gear	709-923-2365 (ext. 201)
	Cathy Ford	709-923-2489
Rigolet	Paula Sheppard-McLean	709-947-3383 (ext. 206)
	Lisa Palliser	709-947-3328