

JULY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19

May 5: The Department of Health advised that the highly transmissible COVID-19 variant XBB.1.5 is now established in Nunavut. XBB.1.5 is likely to become the most dominant strain of the virus in circulation, the agency warns. Meanwhile, masks remain mandatory in healthcare facilities.

Drugs & Alcohol

May 31: New regulations took effect in Nunavut banning smoking within 9 metres of a workplace entrance as well as in public housing, motor vehicles where a minor is present, hospitals, schools, bus stops, child care facilities, sports and playing fields and spectator stands, parades, concerts, public events, sidewalks and pedestrian walkways, trails and paths.

Action Point: Find out how to [effectively control substance abuse](#) at your workplace

Discrimination

May 11: The GN says it will continue to develop and implement ambitious plans to increase Inuit employment in government at levels commensurate with their percentage of the territory's population. The announcement comes in response to an arbitrator's ruling on lack of Inuit representation in government employment.

New Laws

Jul 14: That's the last day for Inuit and Nunavummiut secondary and post-secondary students [to apply](#) for GN summer jobs under the Summer Student Employment Equity Program (SSEEP)