Month In Review – Nunavut



LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infectious Illness

Oct 2: The Government of Nunavut (GN) reports "steady progress" toward its goal of eliminating tuberculosis (TB) by 2030. During the first three quarters of 2026, there were 32 active TB cases reported in seven communities. Meanwhile, outbreaks in Arviat and Naujaat remain ongoing.

Action Point: Use the OHS Insider Infection Exposure Control Plan template to prevent tuberculosis and seasonal respiratory illness outbreaks at your workplace.

Infectious Illness

Oct 5: The GN issued an avian influenza advisory for the second time this fall. The most recent case comes from Frobisher Bay, Iqaluit, where four bird species found dead tested positive for the disease. Finding multiple dead birds in one location is a sign that the virus is present. However, the risk of avian influenza infection to the general public is considered low.

Ergonomics

Oct 1: The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC)

published new data on lifting and twisting incidents to workers while carrying heavy items. The three occupations in Nunavut and Northwest Territories with the highest risk for such incidents: i. Janitors, caretakers, and building superintendents; ii. Air transport ramp attendants; and iii. Construction trades helpers and labourers.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention and Compliance Game Plan at your workplace.

New Laws

Sep 2: To help foster parents pay for school supplies and other day-to-day care expenses, Nunavut increased daily foster care rates by 45%. The rate increase is retroactive to April 1, 2026. The Department of Family Services will issue lump sum retroactive payment covering April 1, 2026, to August 31, 2026, on September 25.

Workers' Compensation

Oct 1: The WSCC rolled out an Employer Support team to improve service delivery for businesses across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Available through *WSCC Connect*, the team will provide employers with a single point of contact and offer immediate assistance with general questions and account management, such as navigating online services, business registration, obtaining a clearance, and submitting payroll.

CASES

There are no cases to report on this month.

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