A message from the Commissioner of Nunavut

I don’t think anyone ever expected our day-to-day life would be like this – social distancing, self-isolation, quarantine. We must do these things to protect everyone’s health. The dedication shown by all healthcare staff and Nunavummiut providing essential services is much appreciated. Many thanks to their families who have supported them.

This year is being recognized as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife. We all truly appreciate the work nurses and midwives do. Their continued dedication ensures that we have access to the care we need. They play an essential role in protecting us during this pandemic and we are grateful for their continued efforts to keep us healthy.

I am proud of the perseverance of our students who studied online and at home, doing all they could to complete their studies. Thank you to the teachers who provided support and guidance, helping the students achieve their goals.

In these uncertain times the Government of Nunavut is doing its best to protect us from COVID-19. The regular Government of Nunavut media briefings that are broadcast on the Legislative Assembly TV channel and on CBC North radio provide us with the latest information on COVID-19.

Excellent services are being provided by the interpreter/translator, making sure that the information is accurate and understandable in Inuktitut. An extra thank you to CBC North for keeping us informed and entertained.

These are challenging times and I am very glad to see Nunavummiut across the territory working to reduce food insecurity: meals in a bag, delivery of food hampers and extra support for food banks. Many volunteers work hard to help those in need.

We are so thankful for the staff working in Elders homes who are caring for our loved ones when visiting is not allowed.

It was a great relief to find out that there were no cases of COVID-19 in Pond Inlet. Residents of Pond Inlet worked side-by-side with the rapid response team. They gave me their full support by following all restrictions while the team did their testing. Community cooperation and understanding helped keep Pond Inlet safe.

We can be proud of all we are doing to help each other during this crisis. We are keeping all Nunavummiut safe by following the prevention measures recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer of Nunavut.

Thank you to all Nunavummiut for their commitment, kindness and patience as we protect ourselves from COVID-19.

Working together we can keep everyone safe.

Honourable Nellie Kusugak
Commissioner of Nunavut