

COVID-19 Facebook live update: November 19, 2020

>> GOOD MORNING.

I AM MATTHEW CAMERON, I WILL BE YOUR MODERATOR FOR THE COVID 19 UPDATE FOR THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19th.

WE ARE JOINED BY YUKON'S PREMIER, THE HONOURABLE SANDY SILVER AND THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

OUR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION IS BEING PROVIDED TODAY BY MARY THIESSEN. AS WELL WE WILL HAVE TRANSLATIONS FROM FRENCH-SPEAKING JOURNALISTS. FOLLOWING OUR SPEAKERS WE WILL GO TO THE PHONE LINES FOR QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS.

WE WILL CALL YOU BY NAME AND YOU WILL EACH HAVE ONE QUESTION PLUS ONE FOLLOW-UP.

BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH OUR SPEAKERS, I WOULD LIKE TO VERIFY THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE US.

IF ANY REPORTERS ARE HAVING A PROBLEM, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO ECOINFO@GOV.YK.CA.

>> THANK YOU DR CAMERON.

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US HERE ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FIRST NATION.

I WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU CONNORS FOR -- YUKONERS FOR PRACTISING THE SAFE SIX.

WE WATCHED A SECOND WAVE UNFOLD ACROSS CANADA, AND INCLUDING HERE IN THE NORTH.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR BEING SO VIGILANT.

YESTERDAY WE ANNOUNCED A NEW CASE OF COVID 19 IN THE TERRITORY, BRINGING OUR TOTAL CASE COUNT TO 26.

WE ALSO ISSUED A PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN WHITEHORSE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

DR HANLEY WILL SHARE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT IN A MOMENT.

BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO PANIC.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN CERTAIN AREAS, CERTAIN LOCATIONS AT CERTAIN TIME SHOULD SELF MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS.

IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE BUSINESSES OR OTHER FACILITIES HAVE DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
OR THAT THERE'S ANY DANGER IN THESE LOCATIONS.
I WANT EVERYONE TO STAY VIGILANT AND STAY CALM.
THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPTY SHELLS OF GROCERY STORES EITHER.
OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM REMAINS VERY WELL PREPARED TO DEAL WITH COVID 19 SYMPTOMS IN THE TERRITORY, INCLUDING OUR CAPACITY FOR TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING.
THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS TO CONTINUE PRACTISING THE SAFE SIX.
STAY INFORMED AND FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH ALL OBVIOUSLY CAN BE FOUND AT YUKON.CA.
OVER THE LAST WEEK, THE NUMBER OF COVID 19 CASES HAS BEEN RISING HERE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, IN SOME CASES, VERY DRAMATICALLY.
WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING OTHER JURISDICTIONS CLOSELY AND IN PARTICULAR WE HAVE BEEN THINKING OF OUR NEIGHBOURS, OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOURS AND SENDING COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO OUR FRIENDS IN NUNAVUT AS CASES ARISE IN THEIR TERRITORY.
THE YUKON IS CURRENTLY IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH IS INTEGRAL TO OUR GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.
THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ALLOWANCE OUR GOVERNMENT TO REACT QUICKLY AND RESPOND TO THE SPREAD OF THIS DISEASE IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT YOU CONNORS.
OUR ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SITUATION CHANGES RAPIDLY.
COVID 19 NUMBERS ARE ACCELERATING QUICKLY AND JURISDICTIONS ACROSS CANADA, INCLUDING BRITISH COLUMBIA AND NONE OF IT.
IN LIGHT OF THESE SURGES, AND FOLLOWING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE YUKON'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, WE ARE ENDING THE BC TERRITORY MOBILITY BUBBLE AND EXPANDING THE SELF ISOLATING REQUIREMENTS TO ALL OF THOSE ENTERING OUR TERRITORY.
WE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT AS OF FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20th, ANYONE ENTERING INTO THE YUKON WILL BE REQUIRED TO SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS.
THIS APPLIES TO PEOPLE VISITING YUKON FROM OTHER REGIONS, AND YUKONERS WHO ARE RETURNING FROM TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORY.

TRAVELLERS AND YUKON RESIDENTS RETURNING HOME MUST HAVE A SELF ISOLATION PLAN IN PLACE BEFORE ENTERING THE TERRITORY.

ALL THOSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A DECLARATION.

CRITICAL SERVICE WORKERS DO NOT NEED TO SELF ISOLATE AS LONG AS THEY ARE FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES PUT IN PLACE BY THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND ARE TRAVELLING AND RETURNING TO YUKON FOR WORK PURPOSES.

PEOPLE TRANSITIONING THROUGH YUKON -- TRANSITING THROUGH YUKON ARE STILL REQUIRED TO STAY ON THE DESIGNATED ROUTE, WHICH HAS NOT CHANGED.

RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITIES OF THE BC-YUKON BORDER AREAS SUCH AS OUTLAND AND LOWER POST-, WHO DEPEND ON WHITEHORSE TO ACCESS AMENITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO ENTER YUKON WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO SELF ISOLATE, PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE NOT TRAVELLED TO THE REST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OR OTHER PARTS OF CANADA IN THE PREVIOUS 14 DAYS. WE ARE EVALUATING CURRENT BORDER ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO CONSIDER WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ENTERING THE TERRITORY ARE AWARE OF THESE UPDATED REQUIREMENTS.

THIS DECISION WAS NOT MADE LIGHTLY.

WE KNOW THAT REINSTATING SELF ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE JURISDICTIONS WILL HAVE IMPACTS ON OUR BUSINESSES WHO HAVE WORKED TO OPEN TO VISITORS TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, AS WELL AS ON YUKONERS WHO HAVE PLANNED TO TRAVEL OR TO HOST VISITORS THAT ARE FROM OTHER PROVINCES IN THE COMING WEEKS -- FROM THAT PROVINCE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

I APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS NOT WELCOME NEWS TO YOU -- YUKONERS -- YUKONERS'. HOWEVER, WE MUST CONSIDER WHAT IS NEEDED TO KEEP YUKONERS' SAFE.

THIS WILL HELP US TO LIMIT THE IMPORTATION RISK OF COVID 19.

THE NEW CASES THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN YUKON RECENTLY COMBINED TOAST COMBINED WITH THE CASES IN NUNAVUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, MADE THIS A VERY NECESSARY DECISION.

I HAVE ALSO HEARD PREMIER ORGANS CALL TO RESTRICT NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL WITHIN CANADA.

WE SUPPORT BC'S EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19 IN THAT PROVINCE, AND WE MUST DO OUR PART TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL EFFORT TO CONTAIN THIS DISEASE.

AT THIS TIME, OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOMMEND NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORY.

WE ALSO ASK YUKONERS' TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE NEED TO TRAVEL WITHIN THE TERRITORY, AND TO DO SO RESPECTFULLY AND RESPONSIBLY.

YUKONERS' -- YUKONERS, WE ARE AT A TURNING POINT.

IT IS TIME TO RESET AND RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO PRACTISING THE SAFE SIX STEPS IN STAYING SAFE.

IT'S NOT JUST DOING IT FOR YOURSELF, IT'S DOING IT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS, FOR YOUR FRIENDS, FOR YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FOR YOUR FELLOW YUKONERS.

-- YUKONERS'.

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS WE ALWAYS DO TO KEEP COVID 19 NUMBERS LOW IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY AND SAFE.

WE NEED TO TREAT ONE ANOTHER WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT AND PATIENCE AS WE WORK THROUGH WHAT CAN -- CONTINUES TO BE CHALLENGING TIMES.

I URGE ALL YUKONERS TO CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO LOVED ONES, TO FRIENDS, TWO NEIGHBOURS, SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND OFFERED THE HELP WHERE YOU CAN. THIS PANDEMIC IS TAKING A SERIOUS TOLL ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND I KNOW THAT IT IS NOT EASY RIGHT NOW, BUT AGAIN I KNOW THAT TOGETHER WE CAN AND WILL GET THROUGH THIS.

REMEMBER, THE MOST ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID 19 IN THE TERRITORY IS FOUND -- [YUKON.CA BACKSLASH COVID 19.CA](http://YUKON.CA/COVID.19.CA).

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OVER TO YOU DR HANLEY.

>> THANK YOU PREMIER.

GOOD MORNING.

I HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING WELL.

THIS WEEK ALMOST EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY IS FACING CHALLENGES WITH COVID AND, YES, YUKON IS NO EXCEPTION.

IT WAS SHORTLY FOLLOWING TUESDAY'S MEDIA UPDATE THAT WE CONFIRMED CASE 25 AS A POSITIVE CONTACT OF A PREVIOUS CASE AND NOW, SINCE YESTERDAY, WE HAVE CONFIRMED OUR 26th CASE IN YUKON.

CASE 25 WAS LINKED TO THE PREVIOUS CASE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY MORNING, WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF OUT OF TERRITORY TRAVEL.

THE INDIVIDUAL IS RECOVERING WELL AT HOME WHILE IN SELF ISOLATION.

OUR LATEST CASE NUMBER 26 HAD A NUMBER OF PUBLIC EXPOSURES, WHICH WE PUBLISHED YESTERDAY EVENING IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORY AND THE SOURCE OF

INFECTION AND HAS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED.

IN THIS CASE WE ARE AGAIN PLEASED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DID SELF ISOLATE AND SOUGHT TESTING AS SOON AS SYMPTOMS OCCURRED.

CONTACT TRACING CLEARLY IS CONTINUING.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS, AND IN ADDITION, THE INDIVIDUAL VISITED THE MULTIPLE PLACES LISTED IN THE EXPOSURE NOTICE BEFORE ONSET OF SYMPTOMS.

I WILL NOT GO OVER THE NOTIFICATIONS IN DETAIL, BUT THEY ARE AS POSTED YESTERDAY AND ON THE WEBSITE.

FOR THOSE WHO WERE AT ANY OF THE MENTIONED LOCATIONS, I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS, AND IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS, WHETHER IT BE A SLIGHT TICKLE, LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE, A DRY COUGH, OR OTHER SYMPTOMS IN THE LIST, YOU MUST STAY HOME AND ARRANGE FOR TESTING IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOU DO GO TO GET TESTED DUE TO SYMPTOMS, PLEASE MENTOR THE EXPLOSION LOCATE -- EXPOSURE LOCATION THAT YOU ARE OUT.

FOR THE REST OF US, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REITERATE, EVEN MORE, AS WE SEE RISING CASES, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO STAY HOME AND SELF ISOLATE AND ARRANGE FOR TESTING WHEN YOU ARE FEELING SICK.

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE HEARD THIS.

WE'VE ALL HEARD THIS OF 1 MILLION TIMES.

BUT IT'S ALWAYS DIFFERENT WHEN IT HAPPENS TO YOU.

YOU MAY JUST NOT WANT TO BOTHER, OR IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO MISS A SHIFT OR A DAY AT THE SHOP.

BE AWARE, EVEN IF YOU ARE FEELING JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF, TAKE SOME TIME AT HOME AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.

WHEN YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS, AVOID GOING OUT.

GET YOUR GROCERIES SAFELY DELIVERED.

WORK FROM HOME IF YOU CAN, AND DON'T VISIT ANYONE WHO IS OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD UNTIL YOU CAN GET TESTED AND GET FURTHER DIRECTION.

I KNOW EVERYONE WANTS TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE BC BUBBLE OR THE DIVORCE, BUT I WANT TO FIRST REITERATE A FEW MESSAGES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT, AS WE ARE EXPERIENCING THIS SECOND WAVE IN THE COUNTRY.

DUE TO THE SURGES IN CANADA, WE ARE NOW GETTING MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLING WHY CDC BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CONTACT OF SOMEONE DOWN SOUTH.

FOR EXAMPLE,, SOMEONE IS HERE IN YUKON FOR A VISIT OR FOR WORK AND IS NAMED AS A CONTACT FROM SOMEONE IN ONE OF THE PROVINCES AND COMES FORWARD FOR TESTING DUE TO SYMPTOMS.

OR SOMEONE ELSE HAS TRAVELLED DOWN SOUTH AND LATER WHEN BACK HOME IN YUKON IS NAMED AS A CONTACT.

THESE CHECK INS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ARE A GOOD THING.

WE WANT PEOPLE TO CALL WHEN THEY ARE NAMED AS CONTACTS.

BUT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CALLS DOES REFLECT THAT THERE ARE SIMPLY MANY MORE CASES THAN WE WERE WITNESSING EVEN A FEW WEEKS AGO.

AND WHAT WE ARE LEARNING FROM THESE CONTACTS AND FROM CASES AROUND THE COUNTRY, AGAIN RELATES TO THE SETTINGS WHERE WE SEE TRANSMISSION OCCURRING.

TRANSMISSION IS OCCURRING FOR EXAMPLE BETWEEN STAFF AND A WORKPLACE. TRANSMISSION IS OCCURRING IN A HOUSEHOLD, ESPECIALLY WHERE PEOPLE ARE MIXING OR WORKING IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AND BRINGING INFECTION BACK INTO THE HOUSEHOLD.

IF YOU ARE SHARING A HOUSEHOLD WITH OTHERS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MANY CONTACTS EACH PERSON HAS WITH OTHERS?

SO, IF ONE OF THOSE CONTACTS WERE TO BE INFECTED, HOW MANY CHANCES ARE THERE TO BRING THAT INFECTION BACK INTO THE HOUSEHOLD IF COVID IS CIRCULATING IN THE COMMUNITY?

AND HOW MANY FURTHER INFECTED CONTACTS COULD OCCUR.

IT'S A GOOD EXERCISE TO THINK THROUGH.

TRANSMISSION CAN ALSO OCCUR BETWEEN HEALTHCARE WORKERS.

MOST OFTEN AT GATHERINGS IN THE COMMUNITY OR IN COMMON SHARED WORK AREAS.

SO WHETHER A HEALTHCARE SETTING, A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT, OR A PUBLIC SERVICE, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR WORKPLACE SET UP TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION.

IF YOU HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT SO FAR, YOUR TIME MAY SHORTLY BE UP.

THE NEXT TIME YOU COULD GET STUNG.

AND IF YOU CATCH COVID, YOU CAN PASS IT ON, PERHAPS TOO MANY, PERHAPS TWO PEOPLE WHO CAN BE SEVERELY AFFECTED, OR WHO CAN DIE.

SMALL HOUSEHOLD GATHERINGS IN -- AND WORKPLACES ARE TWO OF THE MAIN AREAS IN CANADA WHERE TRANSMISSION IS OCCURRING.

WE KNOW, OR SHOULD KNOW BY NOW TO STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS WHEN SICK. AS WE SEE THE REST OF CANADA CONTINUES IN ITS CLIMB IN CASES, IT REALLY IS THE UPMOST IMPORTANCE TO TAKE YOUR SYMPTOMS SERIOUSLY. AND THE CHANCE OF AN ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY WITH COUGH, FEVER OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING, BEING COVID, INCREASES SUBSTANTIALLY AS THE LEVEL OF COVID RISES. WE HAVE SEEN MANY CASES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO FELT A TAD UNDER THE WEATHER AND CONTINUED ON WITH THEIR DAILY ROUTINES, RUNNING ERRANDS, GOING TO WORK, EVEN ATTENDING GATHERINGS. NOT TAKING THEIR SYMPTOMS SERIOUSLY AND THEN FINDING OUT THAT THEY WERE THE CAUSE OF AN OUTBREAK OR EVEN THE ONSET OF COMMUNITY SPREAD. WE NEED TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF SCENARIO AND THE WAY WE DO THAT IS BY ENSURING THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING THE ORDERS AND THE GUIDELINES THAT ARE IN PLACE. BUT APART FROM BEING AROUND OTHERS WHEN SICK, WE KNOW THOSE FEW DAYS BEFORE INFECTION SETS IN ARE ALSO CRUCIAL DAYS FOR SPREADING THE DISEASE. THAT IS WHY, WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT CASE INTRODUCTIONS HERE KEEP -- WE MUST CONTINUE TO LIVE LIKE COVID IS ALREADY HERE. I HOPE THAT RECENT INCREASED CASE ACTIVITY, EITHER HERE OR IN NONE OF IT OR INCREASINGLY IN BC ARE ALL GOOD REMINDERS THAT WE NEED TO DO THIS NOW. WHICH BRINGS US AGAIN TO THE SAFE SIX. FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES ARE CRITICAL IN REDUCING YOUR RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID 19. MAINTAIN PHYSICAL SPACING AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD BUBBLE. MAINTAIN PROPER HAND HYGIENE BY WASHING YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY AND USING HAND SANITIZER. AGAIN, IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS, STAY HOME, GET TESTED. KEEP GATHERINGS SMALL, SAFE AND LEGAL. RESPECT THE WISHES OF COMMUNITIES WHEN YOU TRAVEL. AND SELF ISOLATE WHENEVER REQUIRED TO BY LAW OR BY PUBLIC HEALTH. THEN THERE IS THE SEVENTH STEP OF THE SAFE SIX. WEAR A MASK WHENEVER REQUIRED, OR WHEN ASKED, OR WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE PHYSICAL DISTANCING CHALLENGING OR DIFFICULT. AS THE PREMIER MENTIONED AT THE LAST BRIEFING, A SECOND WAVE IS ALREADY AFFECTING YUKON AND IS LITERALLY ON OUR DOORSTEP. WE KNEW THIS WAS COMING AND WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR IT.

WHAT WE DUE FROM HERE IS DEFINITELY UP TO US.

AS I SAID JUST THE OTHER DAY, IN THESE TIMES OF ANXIETY AND STRESS AND WORRY, WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THERE IS SO MUCH THAT IS STILL UNDER OUR CONTROL. FEAR CAN BE AN OVERWHELMING FEELING, BUT WE CANNOT LET IT CONTROL US. REMEMBER, YOU ARE TAKING THE RIGHT STEPS AND CAN REDUCE YOUR RISK BY FOLLOWING THE PRECAUTIONS.

SO YUKONERS PLEASE FOLLOW THE SAFE SIX, BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN ANXIOUSLY WATCHING THE REST OF CANADA, ESPECIALLY BC AND OFFERING OPINIONS AND ADVICE ON WEATHER TO PRESERVE THE BUBBLE OR TO LET IT GO.

I SAID ONLY THE OTHER DAY THAT MY TEAM AND I HAVE BEEN DAILY WATCHING THE TALLY, ANALYSING THE NUMBERS AND DATA AND WATCHING WHAT RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING APPLIED IN WHICH AREAS.

WE OF COURSE HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK CLOSELY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BC. BC'S ABILITY TO MANAGE CASES AND TRACE BACK IN CASES AND CLUSTERS TO KNOWN SOURCES AND THEIR EARLY IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ALL HAVE BEEN IMPRESSIVE TO WATCH.

BUT NEVER THE LESS, CASES CONTINUE TO MOUNT AND PROJECTIONS IN BC ARE FOR A CONTINUED SURGE.

MEANWHILE, THE PREMIERE OF BC IT JUST YESTERDAY ADVISED AGAINST ALL NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL INTO THE PROVINCE FROM OTHER TERRITORIES AND PROVINCES.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED IN THE PROVINCE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

EVEN THOUGH WE STILL HAVE NOT HAD CASES DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE BC BUBBLE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE RISK IS INCREASING, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE YUKONERS IDENTIFIED AS CONTACTS OF CASES DOWN SOUTH, OR IDENTIFIED AS CASES THAT ARE THEMSELVES LINKED TO TRAVEL.

WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS WORSENING SITUATION POSES AN INCREASING RISK OF INTRODUCTION OF COVID INTO OUR TERRITORY.

GIVEN THE INCREASING RISK OF MULTIPLE CASES OR OUTBREAKS IN YUKON AND THE INCREASING CASE ACTIVITY IN BC, I THERE FOR GAVE MY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET YESTERDAY.

THAT GOVERNMENT CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE BC BUBBLE UNTIL SUCH A TIME WHEN WE SEE CASES IN BC STABILIZE.

WE WILL NEED TO GET TO A POINT WHERE WE ARE ONCE AGAIN COMFORTABLE THAT CASES ARE CONTAINED AND THE CURVE IS ONCE MORE FLATTENED.

SO, AS THE PREMIER ANNOUNCED, THE 14 DAY SELF ISOLATION PERIOD WILL BE INSTATED AS OF TOMORROW, MEANING ANY PERSON WHO IS VISITING BC, EXCEPT FOR THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED BY THE PREMIER MUST SELF ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN IN YUKON.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR TRAVEL PLANS.

I KNOW MANY HAVE HAD TRIPS PLANNED TO BC AND I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT THEY SHOULD BE CANCELLED.

OR REARRANGED.

BUT WE ARE IN A TIME THAT REQUIRES SOLIDARITY, CONCERTED ACTION AND SOME SACRIFICE.

WE OF COURSE WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AND MONITOR THE EVOLVING PANDEMIC IN BC.

IF THEY GET BACK TO THAT POINT OF STABILITY AND COMFORT, I WILL ADJUST MY ADVICE ACCORDINGLY.

THESE DECISIONS ARE SO DIFFICULT TO MAKE, AND WE KNOW...

WE KNOW THERE WILL BE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, STUDENTS, AND VISITORS WITH BROKEN HEARTS.

BUT I FEEL THIS DECISION IS IN THE OVERALL BEST INTERESTS OF YUKONERS AT THIS MOMENT, IN THIS DIFFICULT PHASE.

IT DOES FEEL A BIT LIKE GOING BACKWARDS, BUT IN OTHER WAYS, THIS WILL GIVE US MORE SECURITY TO REINFORCE OUR CAPACITY HERE TO MEET THE COVID THREAT AND ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARDS.

AS MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY, WE AREN'T LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL MASK POLICY AND WE WILL SHORTLY ADVISE YUKON GOVERNMENT ON WHAT A MASK REQUIREMENT WOULD LOOK LIKE.

MEANWHILE, PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK IN ANY SETTING WHEN REQUIRED TO.

ASKED TO, OR WHEN PHYSICAL DISTANCING IS DIFFICULT.

BUT, PLEASE, DON'T LET A MASK OVERRIDE THE SAFE SIX.

MASKS ARE AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF SAFETY, BUT THEY WILL NEVER IN THEMSELVES BE THE TICKET TO PROTECTION.

AS THIS IS AN INTERIM UPDATE, I WILL KEEP IT SHORT SO WE CAN ADDRESS

QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU DR HANLEY.

THANK YOU PREMIER SILVER.

WE WILL GO TO REPORTERS ON THE LINE, STARTING WITH JOHN KENNEDY.

>> HELLO.

MY FIRST QUESTION, I'M WONDERING WHEN YUKON WILL ENABLE THE COVID ALERT APP TO HELP WITH TRACKING AND ASSISTING COVID CASES, AS WELL AS ENABLING PEOPLE TO BE AWARE IF THEY'VE COME INTO CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHOSE WEBSITE -- REGISTERED AS A POSITIVE CASE.

>> WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

WE BELIEVE IN THE APP.

DR HANLEY AND I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE, TALKING ABOUT HOW IN YUKON, TRACING IS DONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

AND HOW THIS APP IS MORE HELPFUL OR YUKONERS TRAVELLING TO OTHER PROVINCES.

WHEREAS IN THE TRACING IS DONE RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NOT A PENDING URGE FOR THAT.

ALTHOUGH, I AM PUSHING FOR THE APP TO BE REGISTERED HERE BECAUSE BEFORE THE BUBBLE -- MOSTLY BEFORE THE BUBBLE COLLAPSED, BUT PEOPLE GOING OUT AND TRAVELLING INTO VANCOUVER.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS ARE COMING ALONG SLOWLY.

THERE ARE ISSUES IN THIS IS A CONVERSATION THAT IS ALIVE AT THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION AND WITH THE FIRST MINISTERS MEETINGS.

I WISH I HAD A TIMELINE FOR YOU NOW, BUT I DON'T.

BUT IT'S ALWAYS ON THE UPDATED AGENDA FOR THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PREMIER'S AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

>> I WILL JUST ADD TO THAT THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT AND PREPARE FOR.

I SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT THERE ARE SOME PRACTICALITIES OF HOW USEFUL THE APP WOULD BE IN OUR JURISDICTION.

AS A SMALL JURISDICTION, WE DO HAVE GOOD CONTACT TRACING CAPACITY AND SURGE CAPACITY AND CONTACT TRACING.

THERE ARE THE SMALL JURISDICTION CONSIDERATIONS WHERE IT'S DIFFICULT WITH THE APP WHEN IT'S REGISTERING CONTACTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SCREENED AS TO

HOW SIGNIFICANT THEY ARE, HOW CLOSE THEY ARE, WHAT KIND OF SETTINGS THAT THEY OCCURRED IN.

AND HOW LONG THAT CONTACT WAS.

THERE IS BASICALLY A LOT -- THERE MAY BE SIGNAL, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE ALONG WITH THE SIGNAL.

THEREFORE IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADD A LOT OF ADDITIONAL WORK TO PUBLIC HEALTH WITHOUT CLEARLY SHOWING A BENEFIT.

WE ARE WORKING AS THE PREMIER SAID, WE ARE WORKING AT A NUMBER OF TABLES AND LOOKING AT HOW THE APP MIGHT BE EITHER ADJUSTED TO BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US AS A JURISDICTION, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT OTHER OPTIONS -- OTHER SIMILAR OPTIONS MIGHT BE OUT THERE.

AND TALKING ABOUT THIS WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN BC AS WELL.

>> DO YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION?

>> Reporter: I DO.

DR HANLEY, YOU DID TALK ABOUT HOW A MASK MANDATE IS BEING LOOKED AT RIGHT NOW.

I AM CURIOUS AS TO WHAT EXACTLY GOES INTO CONSIDERING A MASK MANDATE? WOULDN'T IT JUST BE EASY ENOUGH TO SAY, YES, EVERYONE WEAR A MASK. WHAT IS BEHIND IT?

>> YOU THINK IT WOULD BE.

BUT ACTUALLY, IT IS NOT.

I THINK I MENTIONED A NUMBER OF THEM LAST TIME, AND I WILL SEE IF I REMEMBER THEM, BUT THERE ARE THINGS LIKE, OKAY, WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT WEAR A MASK.

HOW DO WE ENFORCE THAT.

AND WHO DOES THE ENFORCING?

WHAT ARE THE MECHANISMS AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ENFORCEMENT?

WHAT ABOUT AN EXEMPTION?

HOW DO WE VERBALIZE AN EXEMPTION PROCESS.

WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE WHO HAS TROUBLE FINDING A MASK?

WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS CARRIED OUT TO ENABLE ACCESS TO A MASK.

AND ON WHOSE SHOULDERS RESTS THAT ACCESS?

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THOSE OTHER ISSUES AND WE KNOW THAT DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS HAVE HANDLED THIS DIFFERENTLY.

DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS HAVE LANGUAGE POLICY DIFFERENTLY.
THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN WHICH SETTINGS THE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO.
THERE ARE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF WHICH JURISDICTION ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
AND WHICH JURISDICTION CRACK -- JURISDICTION PRACTICES APPLY.
IF WERE TALKING ABOUT CITY VERSUS TERRITORY, VERSUS FIRST NATION, VERSUS
COMMUNITY.
DO WE TALK ABOUT THIS IN SMALL RURAL SETTINGS AS WELL AS URBAN SETTINGS?
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF THIS, AND RATHER THEN SAY IT AND TRY TO SCRAMBLE AND
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS THESE POLICIES, WE WANT TO HAVE
THAT PACKAGE READY TO GO.
IT'S NOT THAT WERE NOT INTERESTED IN DOING THIS, WE JUST WANT TO DO IT RIGHT
THE FIRST TIME.
>> AND I WILL ADD TO THAT, ONE OF THE MAIN CONVERSATIONS THAT DR HANLEY
HAS HAD WITH ME OVER THE MONTHS AND WEEKS WAS THE PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY
PIECE AS WELL.
ANECDOTALLY, I REMEMBER IN DAWSON, BEFORE THE CASE WHERE WE ASK THE
FOLKS IF YOU ARE IN CERTAIN AREAS AND IF YOUR SYMPTOMATIC TO GET TESTED, NOT
A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE WEARING MASKS IN MY COMMUNITY.
BUT A COUPLE OF PEOPLE.
NOW WHEN THINGS HIT CLOSER TO HOME, AFTER EVENTS LIKE THAT, THE
ACCEPTABILITY GOES THROUGH THE ROOF.
ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE MONITORING FOR A LONG TIME THERE WAS
PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY AS WELL.
WE KNOW THAT YUKONERS ARE THERE.
LOOK AROUND THE ROOMS THAT YOU ARE IN AND YOU WILL SEE THAT THE MAJORITY
OF YUKONERS HAVE ABSOLUTELY SIGNED ON TO MASK WEARING.
I CANNOT THANK YUKONERS AND OFF FOR BEING SO VIGILANT.
AGAIN, WE HAVE OUR SAFE SIX AND NOW THE EXTRA SEVEN ADDED ON.
AND I KNOW THAT YUKONERS FOR THE MOST PART ARE GOING TO BE VARY
ACCEPTING OF THIS PRACTICE.
>> THANK YOU.
WE WILL MOVE ON.
[Speaking French]
>> Voice of Interpreter: THE QUESTION IS FOR DR HANLEY.
WHAT ARE THE REASONS WHY YOU ARE CHANGING THE GUIDANCE SO QUICKLY?

HIS IT BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE NEW CASES, AND IN THIS CASE, NUMBER 26, IS IT CONSIDERED COMMUNITY SPREAD?

[Speaking French]

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>> YOU WANT ME TO TRANSLATE?

THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION WAS AROUND THE REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION, AND THE -- I THINK IT WAS AROUND A -- BY THE RAPID DECISION, AND WHETHER THAT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, WITH THE CASE 26.

I WANTED TO SEPARATE THOSE TWO.

IT'S OBVIOUSLY A THING WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING MORE CLOSELY EVERY DAY AS THE SITUATION IN BC HAS BEEN WORSENING, FOLLOWING THE ADVICE BEING GIVEN BY DR HENRY FOR OUR PROVINCE, AS WELL AS THE RESTRICTIONS AND THE PROJECTIONS IN THE MODELLING IN BC, SO IT REALLY KIND OF CAME TO A POINT AT WHICH WE MEASURE THE IMPORTATION RISK, WE LOOK AT UPCOMING TRAVEL AND AS WE LOOK AT THE BC PROJECTIONS THAT IT REALLY CAME TO A POINT WHERE THE RISK IN MY MIND WAS ENOUGH TO RECOMMEND THE CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS WHAT I HAD ARRANGED TO BRING TO CABINET YESTERDAY AFTER REQUESTING AN AUDIENCE WITH THE PREMIER AND MINISTER STRIKER IT THE DAY BEFORE.

THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE 26.

-- CASE 26 WAS COINCIDENTAL AND CAME YESTERDAY.

AS I OFTEN FEEL WERE SOMETIMES IN A BIT OF A COVID KARMA. AND SOMETIMES OUR DECISIONS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY BE -- THAT ARE COINCIDENTAL, BUT MAY HELP FURTHER THE ARGUMENT FOR MAKING THAT THE CASE AND MAKING THAT CASE FOR THAT CHANGE.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PREMIER OF BC YESTERDAY, WHICH REALLY HELPED TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WERE ALREADY PREPARING AS THE PREMIER ANNOUNCED IN BC, NO NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL.

>> THERE WAS THE BIT ABOUT COMMUNITY SPREAD...

>> STORY, YES.

THIS IS A LONG ANSWER.

>> YOU'RE DOING OKAY.

>> OKAY.

[Laughter]

>> THE QUESTION WAS THAT THE LATEST CASE IN -- REPRESENTS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION.

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SAY THAT YET.

WHAT YOU NEED TO SAY IF THERE IS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS NUMBER 1 YOU HAVE AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, SO THERE IS NO TRAVEL LINK.

YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE THE SOURCE ACQUIRED THE INFECTION FROM, AND YOU HAVE ONGOING TRANSMISSION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

SO WE DON'T HAVE THOSE CRITERIA FULFILLED YET.

WE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE SOURCE.

OUR IMMEDIATE FOCUS WITH ANY INVESTIGATION, ESPECIALLY ONE LIKE THIS WHERE WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC EXPOSURES IS TO CONCENTRATE ON THE FORWARD PART.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND THIS QUICKLY.

IDENTIFY ALL THE POSSIBLE PUBLIC EXPOSURES, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE NOT PRECAUTIONARY, AND THEN DO THE IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD CONTACT TRACING AND THAT SORT OF TRADITIONAL CONTACT TRACING OF WHO ARE THE CONTACTS GOING BACK?

IDENTIFY THE CONTACTS, MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE NOTIFIED THAT THEY DO THE SELF ISOLATION, THEY MONITOR AND THAT WE TEST THEM WHEN APPROPRIATE, EITHER BECAUSE OF THEIR RISK STATUS, OR BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF SYMPTOMS.

THOSE ARE THE IMMEDIATE STEPS.

REMEMBER, THIS IS ONLY SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING.

WE WILL BE OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

[Speaking French]

>> WE WILL NEXT GO TO STEPHANIE WITH THE YUKON NEWS.

>> YES, I AM WONDERING IF THE CURRENT SITUATION WILL RESULT IN INCREASED ENFORCEMENT IN TERMS OF INFRACTIONS?

>> WE ARE, AS I SAID IN MY OPENING COMMENTS, WE ARE EVALUATING BORDER ENFORCEMENT, EFFORTS TO CONSIDER WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ENTERING THE TERRITORY ARE AWARE OF THE MOST UPDATED REQUIREMENTS.

MINISTER STRIKER AND HIS TEAM WERE WORKING ON CHANGING UP MODELS ANYWAY, EVEN BEFORE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

THIS WILL PIVOT NICELY INTO THOSE OTHER CONVERSATIONS.

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JULLIARD -- WITH THE FIRST NATION ON THIS INITIATIVE AS WELL.

I THE MINISTER AND HIS TEAM HAVE DONE AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB TO ENSURE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE IN PLACE ACROSS THE TERRITORY AS WELL.

SO ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE IN MOST COMMUNITIES.

THEY CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

WE HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION WITH TWO MINISTERS AND DR HANLEY LAST NIGHT WITH MAYORS AND COUNCIL, CHIEF AND COUNCIL.

IF THE QUESTION IS ABOUT THAT WE THINK THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ENFORCEMENT, WE HAVE BEEN SEEING A STUDY AMOUNT OF CALLS AND AT THE HELP LINES.

WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN FINES GIVEN OUT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.

WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE AGAIN THAT IF YOU NOTICE THINGS, AS OPPOSED TO APPROACHING PEOPLE, ALL THE LINES AND HELP US WITH THAT INFORMATION.

BE RESPECTFUL TO INDIVIDUALS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME SHARING INFORMATION IS CRITICAL FOR ENFORCEMENT ON FEES AND FINES.

BUT WITH ANY CHANGE IN THE PHASES, WE DO NOTICE CHANGES TO TRENDS, BUT IT'S TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE MORE ENFORCEMENT BASED UPON PEOPLE NOT DOING WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.

>> THANKS.

STEPHANIE, DO YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP?

>> I KNOW WE'VE TALKED A BIT ABOUT MASKS.

I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS ANY CONTEMPLATION ABOUT OTHER FURTHER RESTRICTIONS?

>> I THINK WE'VE BEEN PRETTY CLEAR THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT EVEN BEFORE THIS PARTICULAR PROVISION, GOING BACK WITH THE BUBBLE, WE HAVE BEEN HAVING THIS CONVERSATION ALREADY.

NOTHING AT THIS TIME.

WE ARE NOT ANNOUNCING ANY CHANGES TODAY.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED NOW AT PLACES LIKE THE CANADA GAME CENTRE.

I TALKED WITH MAYOR CURTIS BEFORE HIS GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED THOSE CHANGES, AND ALSO TO SOME OTHER PLACES OF BUSINESS, DR HANLEY WAS CLEAR TODAY THAT IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO RESPECT THE BUSINESSES.

THE REQUESTS OF BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO WEAR MASKS.

AT THIS POINT, THESE POLICIES, THEY ARE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

THEY ARE MEANT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF YUKONERS.

I AGREE, THE SAFE SIX IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW.

WE ARE NOT MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR POLICIES AT THIS POINT?

>> THANKS.

WE WILL NOW GO TO PHILIPPE, CBC YUKON?

>> Reporter: YES.

MY QUESTION IS, WE WILL -- WILL BE SEE AN EFFECT ON
NONURGENT OR MEDICAL VISITS IN VANCOUVER?

YUKONERS GOING FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

>> YOU WANT TO START A THOUGHT?

>> YEAH, I WILL TRY.

I THINK THERE CLEARLY NEEDS TO BE AGAIN, RECOGNIZING
THAT THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IS MADE
OBVIOUSLY AS AN IS A DECISION AT -- IS MADE, THAT THIS
IS A DIRECTION THAT CABINET IS TAKING, WE WANTED TO
GET THE MESSAGE OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES AND
SUBCATEGORIES AND CLARIFICATIONS AROUND THAT THAT
I THINK WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO
TO MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS AND
REQUIREMENTS.

AND THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THEM.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN SAY AT THE MOMENT.

>> I WOULD JUST ADD AS WELL, WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MEDICAL TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF OF THE YUKON, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE NEW PROVISIONS BUT BC HAS PUT IN.

AGAIN, ANALYSING WHAT THIS MEANS AND HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

I KNOW THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH ARE IN CONSTANT CONVERSATION BUT IN THIS CASE, IT DOES TAKE TWO TAKE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO COORDINATE NEW PROVISIONS.

AT THIS POINT, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BC HAS JUST SAID NO NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL BUT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND FOR YUKONERS TRAVELLING DOWN THERE, IT IS DEFINITELY AN ONGOING CONVERSATION AND WE WILL BE UPDATING YUKONERS TO ANY CHANGES TO THE CURRENT STATUS QUO AS THOSE CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE.

>> THANK YOU.

FOLLOW-UP?

>> Reporter: I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP FOR THE PREMIER.

THIS IS EIGHT MONTHS INTO THE PANDEMIC, AND I'M SURE DR HANLEY HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY EVERY DAY.

WHAT SUPPORTS ARE WE DOING SO THAT OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH THOUSAND NOT BURN OUT?

DR HANLEY, ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SUPPORT IN YOUR ROLE?

>> THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION.

I WILL SAY, YOU KNOW, HIS SUPPORT STAFF, DOCTOR ELLIOTT AS WELL, THE TEAM ARE FANTASTIC.

THE DEDICATION THAT I HAVE SEEN THROUGHOUT THIS EIGHT MONTHS OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY, OF DR HANLEY'S OFFICE, HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY.

AND WE ARE VERY, VERY THANKFUL.

BUT I AGREE, YOU HEARD IN HIS VOICE TODAY.

THIS IS TOUGH.

SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS TAKEN CARE OF, AND THAT STARTS WITH OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR SURE.

WHEN WE HAVE OUR REGULAR MEETINGS, WE CHECK IN ON YUKONERS BUT I DEFINITELY CHECK IN ON HIM AS WELL.

>> YEAH, THANKS, PHILIP.

JUST TO ADD PERSONALLY, IT IS A VERY GRACIOUS QUESTION.

I JUST WANT TO ACT OUT EVERYTHING THAT PREMIER SAID.

THAT I AM SORT OF THE VISIBLE FACE OF MAYBE THE TOP OF THE PYRAMID, BUT THERE IS A FANTASTIC TEAM SUPPORTING ME.

I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT SUPPORT, AND THAT IS WHAT KEEPS ME GOING, AS WELL AS OF COURSE MY FAMILY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

WE WILL NOW MOVE ONTO CLAUDIANE, RADIO-CANADA.

>> YES...

PERHAPS A MORE CONCRETE QUESTION.

TO LIGHTEN IT UP.

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> INTERPRETER: THE QUESTION IS FAR DR HANLEY.

THE NEW DIRECTIVES THAT YOU GAVE ABOUT QUARANTINE AND SELF ISOLATION FOR TRAVELLERS COMING TO THE YUKON, DO YOU SEE THESE DIRECTIVES BEING APPLIED TO THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD VISITED BY THESE PEOPLE COMING IN?

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> MAYBE I WILL REPEAT THAT.

THE QUESTION AGAIN ABOUT HOW DO YOU SELF ISOLATE IF YOU'RE COMING TO VISIT, IF FOR INSTANCE YOU'RE A RETURNING STUDENT AND YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FAMILY.

DOES THE WHOLE FAMILY NEED TO ISOLATE, IT REALLY DEPENDS ON THE SET UP OF THE OUT -- THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE WISHES OF THE FAMILY.

IF THE HOUSEHOLD IS SUCH THAT YOU CAN, USUALLY WHAT WE REQUIRE AND THIS IS LAID OUT ON THE WEBSITE, IF YOU CAN HAVE THEIR OWN BATHROOM AND AVOID SHARING FOOD AND VARIOUS CONDITIONS, THEN YOU CAN

ACTUALLY SELF ISOLATE WITHIN THE HOUSE.

AND THEN LEAVE.

BUT WE REALIZE THAT IS MAYBE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THE FAMILY WANTS.

CLEARLY IF YOU'RE HAVING A REUNIFICATION, YOU MAY WANT TO BUBBLE TOGETHER.

SO THAT IS ALSO POSSIBLE.

BUT THEN THE WHOLE FAMILY HAS TO LIVE UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS OF SELF ISOLATION, UNTIL THE PERSON LEAVES.

THEN WITH KIND OF A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT.

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO CLARIFY A MORE SPECIFICALLY PROBABLY BY THE NEXT MEDIA UPDATE, EXACTLY WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN TERMS OF YOUR DUTIES AFTER THE PERSON GOES BACK, LEAVES FOR UNIVERSITY TO WHEREVER THEY HAVE COME FROM.

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> REPORTER:

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> INTERPRETER: SO ARE WE GOING BACK TO DIRECTIVES ABOUT STAYING HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TRYING TO AVOID GOING TO PUBLIC PLACES, AND COMMERCE.

IS THAT THE PERIOD WE ARE GOING BACK INTO RIGHT NOW?

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

>> AGAIN I WILL TRANSLATE.

AND THEN LET THE PREMIER ADD ANY COMMENTS.

SO I WANT TO SAY THAT NO, I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE IN THE THE POINT OF HAVING FURTHER SOCIETAL MEASURES.

LAYER LOOKING AT OUR RESURGENCE PLANNING THAT WE HAVE HAD ALL ALONG.

WE ARE REVISING AND REVISITING THAT SO THAT WE ARE READY AS TO WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO DO AND IN WHAT ORDER.

BUT NO, I DON'T FEEL WE ARE AT THAT POINT.

REALLY, THIS IS ABOUT ADDRESSING RISK AND REDUCING IMPORTATION RISK OF CASES.

AND IT REALLY IS ANOTHER MEASURE IN ADDITION TO THE MASK REQUIREMENT THAT WE ARE WORKING ON.

REALLY, THAT IS SORT OF IT FOR NOW.

TO REALLY ALLOW US TO CONTINUE AS WE ARE.

>> I COMPLETELY AGREE.

AND, YOU KNOW, THE WAY I LOOK AT IT IS YUKONERS ARE USED TO HUNKERING DOWN IN THE WINTER.

THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL HUNKERING DOWN, BUT BY CLOSING THE BUBBLE, I WANT TO REMIND YUKONERS THAT NOW MORE THAN EVER, BUSINESSES REALLY ARE RELYING ON YOU.

IT IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

MAYBE LIMIT YOUR AMAZON.CA AND INCREASE YOUR SPRUCE BOG.

WE WANT TO SEE PEOPLE VISITING RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES.

WE WANT TO SEE PEOPLE ENGAGING AND KEEPING PEOPLE'S SPIRITS UP.

BUT REALLY NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED YOU TO DO IT AND A VERY SAFE MANNER.

DR HANLEY AND HIS TEAM HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO SET UP THE GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING BUSINESSES OPEN.

THIS STEP, THIS UNFORTUNATE STEP HOPEFULLY HAS A POSITIVE NATURE TO IT, WHICH IS YUKON SPIRIT NEEDS TO SHINE NOW MORE THAN EVER.

I THINK THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT COMING INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

I WANT EVERYONE SHOPPING LOCAL, THAT I WANT TO SEE PEOPLE ENJOYING THEMSELVES SAFELY AND KEEPING EVERYONE'S SPIRITS UP INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

>> THANK YOU.

WE WILL NOW GO TO BETH, CANADIAN PRESS.

>> Reporter: HELLO.

YOU PRETTY MUCH ANSWERED ALL MY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY SPREAD IN THE EXTENT OF THESE NEW REGULATIONS.

BUT I DID WONDER, YOU MENTIONED EVER SO BRIEFLY...

ARE YOU REALLY CALLING THIS IN THE DIVORCE?

[LAUGHTER]

>> THAT'S THE FIRST I HEARD OF IT.

DR HANLEY?

>> OBVIOUSLY WITH A HINT OF IRONY.

BUT YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK IT GOES BACK TO-- I WON'T
BREAK DOWN THIS TIME BUT, OF THESE ARE DIFFICULT
DECISIONS TO MAKE.

BC IS A VERY CLOSE PARTNER TO US, SO IT DOES FEEL LIKE A
BIT OF A SEPARATION.

OBVIOUSLY I TALKED WITH DR HANLEY -- DOCTOR HENRY
BEFORE THIS.

WE REMAIN GOOD FRIENDS, AND WE CONTINUE ALL OF OUR
STRONG LINKS WITH BC THAT WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO
HAVE.

AND THAT IS IN THE LABORATORY CAPACITY, THE KINDNESS
AND THE SUPPORT THAT THEY OFFER WAY ABOVE AND
BEYOND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO, WHERE WE REALLY FEEL
LIKE A PARTNER.

AS SMALL AS WE ARE, WE ARE CERTAINLY SO SUPPORTED
BY BC AND CONTINUED TO WORK VERY CLOSELY.

SO REALLY, IT FEELS OBVIOUSLY A BIT WHEN YOU PULL
APART LIKE THAT, THAT THERE IS A BIT OF THE DIVORCE
ELEMENT.

BUT IT IS AN EXTREMELY AMICABLE DIVORCE.

>> AND REALLY, WHAT WE'RE DOING JURISDICTION TO JURISDICTION US SUPPORTING EACH OTHER.

THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE.

WE HAVE BEEN AMAZING RELATIONSHIP, I HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH JOHN HORGAN, WITH CAROLINE COCHRANE, AND THESE PROVISIONS ARE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, GOING TO MAKE US STRONGER TOGETHER, MORE SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER.

WE HAVE SAID THIS A FEW TIMES ON THESE CALLS, JUST HOW AMAZING THE CANADIAN SPIRIT IS ON DAYS NATIONAL CALLS.

WHETHER WITH A CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS OR THE PREMIER.

EVERY JURISDICTION LENDING SUPPORT AND COMING TOGETHER, AND WHAT YOU'RE SEEING HERE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN BC AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND NUNAVUT IS ACTIONS THAT ARE GOING TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE AMAZING JURISDICTIONS.

>> THANKS, BETH.

DO YOU HAVE A FOLLOW-UP?

>> Reporter: THAT SHOULD DO IT, THANKS.

>> ALRIGHT.



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR TIME TODAY.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SAFE SIX.

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