

Clyde River, Nunavut: Interagency COVID-19 CommunityFirst Committee

In mid-March, 2020, the Clyde River hamlet (municipality) called on relevant stakeholders to form an interagency COVID-19 response group.

The Committee included representatives from:

- The church
- The health center
- Rangers
- Search and Rescue
- The local school
- The college
- The Grocery store
- The housing department
- Community wellness organizations
- Fire fighters
- The police

These stakeholders met, and shared the directions that their respective organizations were taking in order to adapt to COVID-19. Each shared the resources they had available, the ideas they had for Clyde River and the type of support that they needed.

The Hamlet then identified members to form a smaller group to meet to provide more focused suggestions to the Hamlet Council, such as how to seal off the community, when to shut down travel, etc. The larger group decided that they would get key information from this smaller group, and use this information to ask the Hamlet to pass motions and make decisions to protect the community: shutting down travel, closing public places, enforcing distancing, mandating mask-wearing, etc.