



## **Press Release**

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### **COVID-19: KRG OFFERS FOOD COUPON MEASURE**

**Kuujuuaq, April 7 2020** – Out of concern for people who might be facing financial difficulties in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kativik Regional Government is offering temporary assistance to help them provide food for their families.

Eligible applicants will receive food coupon vouchers every two weeks and the measure is retroactive to March 13, 2020. The Food Coupon Vouchers will be issued by the KRG and local food stores will be advised by the KRG within 48 hours of the request.

The measure is intended for those who are no longer employed due to COVID-19 and are receiving no salary or just part of their salary or no income support benefits. It is also intended for those who saw their financial obligations increased for instance by taking care of elders or families.

Those who continue to receive their full salary from their employer or who receive Employment Insurance (EI) benefits or who receive welfare payments CANNOT benefit from this program.

This special measure serves as a bridge. It helps families and individuals until they begin receiving EI benefits, Canada Emergency Response Benefits (CERB) or other financial advantages from programs announced during the COVID-19 pandemic by the Canadian or Quebec governments or until their financial situations returns to normal.

The program will end June 30 2020 or when emergency measures are lifted.

Please be advised that additional measures aimed specifically for elders will soon be announced.

For further information you can contact the KRG at 1-877-964-2961 ext.2262.

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*The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.*

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