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Reopening of Nunavik: announcement of 6 measures including Childcare Centers and Day Camps

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The Nunavik-Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (N-REPAC) made announcement based on recommendations from the region's public health officials about the relaxation of 6 measures:

- Opening of childcare centers (June 15)
- Opening of Day camps (June 22)
- Authorization and guidelines for sealift operation
- Authorization and guidelines for fuel transportation operation
- Authorization to access Nunavik Parks and outfitters camp for maintenance
- Harbour Masters positions in all communities to supervise sealift operations

Childcare centers will reopen at 100% in Nunavik on Monday June 15 and Day Camps will begin operating the following week on June 22. Childcare centers were closed in Nunavik on March 13 as part of the provincial measures aimed at containing the COVID-19 virus. However, for the past month no new cases of the coronavirus were detected in Nunavik allowing for the gradual reopening of activities and helping communities to return to normal. All children registered in childcare centers prior to their closure will be re-admitted.

Also includes, the opening of Day Camps on Monday June 22. The Day Camps will provide recreational opportunities and physical activities for children aged 6 to 12 years old.

Please keep in mind that the necessary precautions to protect residents against the spreading of the COVID-19 virus will be taken. Should there be a case of COVID-19 in a community, the childcare centers will take necessary measures and possible closure again might be considered.

Other measures were also unveiled as economic activities in Nunavik start their return to normal. With the arrival of the sealift in the communities next month, measures will be put in place to reduce the risk of transmitting the disease. Residents will be asked to stay away from the ship limiting the contact between the ship's personnel and the residents. This will apply for all sealift operations including fuel transfers. Protective barriers will be put in place to separate sealift operations from the general public activities.

A temporary harbor master position will be created in each community to ensure those from the south do not contact people in the north. KRPF officers in the communities will assist the harbour masters in performing their duties.

Meanwhile Nunavik Parks and outfitters will be allowed to undertake maintenance and certain renovations using workers from the region. Park will remain closed to tourism. Nunavik parks is examining the possibility to allow adjacent communities to access the parks to organize activities.

Over the coming weeks new directives will be issued as part of the gradual reopening of Nunavik. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and are reminded to follow the public health recommendations to keep the COVID-19 virus away from Nunavik.

Mayors have been informed of the new measures and continue to be consulted throughout the gradual reopening process.

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