

## **2022 Community Connections Survey**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is the Community Connections Survey?**

The Community Connections Survey is an anonymous paper survey of Inuvialuit adults aged 18 and over in the six ISR communities: Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Inuvik. The survey will be conducted by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation with support by your Community Corporation and a Community Representative. The CCS was developed by the Innovation, Inuvialuit Science and Climate Change Division at the IRC.

#### **What is the purpose of the Survey?**

The purpose of the survey is to collect information about both the contact you have with people that live with you (e.g., family, spouse roommate etc.) and contact with people that do not live with you, such as friends, relatives, coworkers and so forth. Survey data will allow for a better understanding of the ways infectious diseases like COVID-19 spread through communities.

#### **Why is the CCS important? Why should I respond?**

This information will give us a better understanding of disease transmission in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and to support evidenced-based decision making for the development of public health guidelines and other measures to help prevent and slow the spread of infectious diseases in the ISR and beyond.

#### **Why do you need this information? Could it not be obtained from other sources?**

This unique survey is designed specifically to help us gather information on the amount, frequency, and type of contact Inuvialuit living in the ISR have with other people in their community. This survey is the first of its kind in the territory. As such, there is no other source for this type of information.

#### **What is meant by “contact”?**

In this survey, contact means you were standing/sitting/walking/running near by the person(s) in the same room or space (within about two metres/six feet), exchanged at least a few spoken words and/or had some type of physical contact (e.g., hugging, kissing, shaking hands, playing contact or team sports, serving a customer, meeting at work etc.). Please do not include meetings where you only spoke with someone over the phone, online or they were not near you, such as waving to someone driving by or walking on the other side of the road.

#### **When will the survey take place?**

The survey will take place in March 2022.

#### **How and where will the survey be conducted?**

The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation will mail out copies of the take-home survey to each of the Community Corporations. A Community Representative will be available to assist and hand out surveys to Inuvialuit volunteers. Once complete, participants simply return the survey to their Community Representative, who will mail it to the IRC. The IRC will issue a \$125 honorarium to participants.

### **What kinds of questions will be in the survey?**

The survey will include:

- Basic demographic questions (e.g., age, gender, employment, and education).
- Questions about participants' contacts at home, work, and in the community.
- General questions about the people you live with (e.g., family, spouse, roommate etc.) and the contact you have with people in your community on a regular day (e.g., coworkers, friends, businesses, services and so forth).

### **How would you protect my information? Would my information remain confidential?**

The IRC takes participants' confidentiality very seriously. All information provided to the IRC will be kept confidential and used for statistical and research purposes only. Any information shared will exclude personal identifiers so that there will be no way to identify volunteers who completed the survey.

### **How many people can participate in the survey?**

The number of people that can participate in the survey will depend on the community. There are a set number of surveys provided to each community based on their population sizes. Surveys will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis (one survey per Inuvialuit adult).

### **Am I obligated to take part in the survey?**

Survey participation is entirely voluntary; and there are a limited number of copies of the survey in each community. So, it is entirely your choice if you decide to volunteer and complete a survey.

### **How do I volunteer to do the survey?**

Please follow the directions on posters and social media ads. All you need to do is contact and/or visit the Community Representative at the Community Corporation to volunteer. You will be able to pick up a copy of the survey from the Community Representative.

### **Who can volunteer to complete the survey?**

Inuvialuit 18 years of age and older in each of the six ISR communities are eligible to participate in the survey.

### **What will I receive for completing the survey?**

The IRC understands that your time to complete the survey is valuable. Once the IRC receives your completed survey, a \$125 honorarium payment will be issued.

### **Why should I answer questions that I feel are too personal or an invasion of my privacy?**

We realize that some questions are personal and encourage volunteers to keep in mind that we will get many answers from many people. These answers are grouped together and used to produce overall statistics. We will not release any information that could identify individuals.

### **Would you use my name?**

No. All personal information, such as names and addresses will be separated from the survey and securely stored in a locked cabinet. Names and addresses are only used to send participant their \$125 Honorarium payment for completing the survey. No information that could allow a survey volunteer to be identified will be accessible or published.



**When will the results of the survey be available?**

Survey results will be made available to each community in the summer of 2022.

**Where can I find out more information about the Community Connections Survey?**

For more information, please contact:

- Community Representative at your local Community Corporation (also contact him/her and/or visit your Community Corporation to complete a survey).
- The IRC Project Team can be reached by telephone at: 867-777-7048/7031 and/or by email [rmazan@inuvialuit.com](mailto:rmazan@inuvialuit.com) or [cpritchard@inuvialuit.com](mailto:cpritchard@inuvialuit.com).