

JUNE 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19

May 5: The Department of Health advised that the highly transmissible COVID-19 variant XBB.1.5 is now established in Nunavut. XBB.1.5 is likely to become the most dominant strain of the virus in circulation, the agency warns. Meanwhile, masks remain mandatory in healthcare facilities.

Material Handling

Apr 6: Handling of loads accounted for more than 12% of all time loss injuries in Northwest Territories and Nunavut over the past 5 years. Among these, 40% were back injuries. With that in mind, the WSCC issued new guidance on the ergonomics of material handling.

Action Point: Use the resources on the OHSI Material Handling [Compliance Center](#) to prevent injuries at your workplace

Workers Comp

May 12: Comments ended on 3 policies that the WSCC plans to take up at its Sept. 2023 governance meeting: i. Policy 01.01, Industry Classification; ii. Policy 01.02, Industry Re-Classification; and iii. Policy 03.11, Allowances and Services for Severely Injured Workers.

New Laws

Apr 24: The owner of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. called on the GN to increase its iron ore trucking and shipment allotment from 4.2 million to 6 million tonnes to avoid job losses at its Mary River mine.