

JUNE 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Nunavut

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

May 27: The Nunavut Assembly passed <u>Bill 46</u>, amending the *Coroners Act*. Key changes: additions to list of causes or circumstances of death requiring notification, allowing for investigations without access to a body, revised provisions on interference with a body, new procedures for use of alternate jurors at an inquest, and a new requirement to table annual reports.

Infectious Illnesses

May 13: The Department of Health issued a new public warning on rabies, a deadly virus transmitted to humans by bites and scratches from animals like foxes and dogs. Residents were urged to handle wild animals cautiously and seek immediate medical help if bitten. Preventive tips include avoiding stray animals, supervision of children, vaccination of pets, and keeping pets leashed.

Action Point: Use the <u>OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan</u> to protect workers from infectious diseases.

Industry Challenges

May 1: The GN implemented <u>new food safety regulations</u> requiring permits and allowing for government inspection of restaurants, grocery stores, childcare centers, and kitchens in healthcare facilities and schools. The regulations also establish new safety limits on homemade food sales at community markets, with low-risk foods exempt from permits.



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