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## **Second round of COVID-19 emergency response programs announced**

In its ongoing effort to support Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Nunatsiavut Government is pleased to announce today the release of a second round of emergency response programs.

COVID-19 emergency response programs announced last spring were suspended on September 30, and a review was carried out with the goal of making improvements to ensure efficient and effective delivery of future support initiatives. That review has now been completed.

The revised programs will provide support to Labrador Inuit to purchase food items, as well as to community freezers and food banks. Funding has also been set aside to provide home-heating subsidies as well as to assist harvesters in accessing country foods for community freezers and food banks within Nunatsiavut. Gasoline allowances will also be provided to allow Beneficiaries within Nunatsiavut to harvest their own country food and/or wood for home heating. All seniors who are 65 or older are eligible for the food supplement program.

Public notices, outlining eligibility requirements for all applicable programs, will be issued to Beneficiaries residing in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, Upper Lake Melville and the Constituency of Canada.

“As was the case during the first round, these emergency response initiatives will provide much-needed assistance to Labrador Inuit during these difficult and uncertain times,” says Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe. “As we continue to see increases in cases across the country, we must remain vigilant by following all public health protocols and by supporting those most vulnerable.”

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