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Nunatsiavut branch of Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey launches

The Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey was officially launched in Nunatsiavut today at the Illusuk Cultural Centre in Nain.

The Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey (QNIHS) is the first health survey of its kind – by Inuit, for Inuit. It is a permanent health research program, which will provide high-quality data that identifies strengths and gaps in areas of Inuit health, wellness, and lifestyle. Inuit ownership of the data collected will allow informed programming and policy at community, regional, provincial and national levels.

The QNIHS is national in scope and includes Inuit of all ages from all communities in Inuit Nunangat. The survey will gather information every five years. Data collection is set to commence in Nunatsiavut in October 2022, with results made available as soon as 2023-2024.

“Qanuippitaa?” the survey’s title, meaning, “How are we?” in the Nunavik Inuktitut dialect, reflects the program’s core purpose: to better understand the well-being of all Inuit.

The survey is being carried out in partnership with the four Inuit regions: Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Makivik Corporation, and the Nunatsiavut Government, as well as the Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and the National Inuit Youth Council. Other partners include the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of Nunavut, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, and Labrador- Grenfell Regional Health Authority.

Quote:

“The Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey is an opportunity for Inuit in Nunatsiavut to have their voices heard. The data collected in this survey will provide valuable insights on Inuit health and wellness, which will be useful for the Nunatsiavut Government’s decision-making and program and policy development.”

– Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe

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