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Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey has Launched in Nunavut

(July 18, 2024 - Iqaluit, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) has officially launched the *Qanuippitaa?* National Inuit Health Survey, having completed surveys in Pond Inlet earlier this month. Sanikiluaq, Sanirajak and Gjoa Haven will be the next communities surveyed, with Qanuippitaa? set to visit those communities in August. Inuit in each community will be chosen at random from the NTI enrolment list and asked to take part in the survey. Participation is voluntary, and the survey is conducted in-person in the language of the participant's choice.

The purpose of *Qanuippitaa?* is to improve the health and social well-being of Nunavut Inuit by influencing health and social development policies and programs. The survey is designed and owned by Inuit. The data collected in Nunavut will be owned and stored on secure servers at NTI, with strict rules around who can access and use the data. Participants in the survey will help to tell meaningful stories of Inuit health and well-being, ensuring future programs and policies will more accurately reflect Inuit needs and priorities in Nunavut.

"I strongly encourage all Inuit selected to participate in the survey to do so, as the data collected will be used to make decisions that impact the lives of Inuit," says NTI President, Aluki Kotierk. "This is an opportunity for Inuit to tell our story, to actively participate in health research in Nunavut, and influence how that research will be used."

Inuit are also invited to participate in administering the survey by applying for paid positions. *Qanuippitaa?* will be hiring positions in all 25 Nunavut communities, with training and compensation provided.

To learn more and to stay up to date on *Qanuippitaa?* and to find out when the survey will be in your community visitor email us at info@qnihs.ca. For a chance to win an iPad, follow and share *Qanuippitaa?* social media pages on Facebook and Instagram @QNIHSNunavut

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About Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey

Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey is by and for Inuit and is the only Inuit-led health survey to date that includes Inuit of all ages from all communities across Canada's four Inuit regions. The QNIHS in Nunavut will help improve the health and social well-being of Inuit in Canada by influencing Inuit health and social development policies and programs through the collection of high-quality data that is statistically sound and relevant to Nunavut and Inuit. The QNIHS will take place in Nunavut every five years.

About Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) ensures that governments carry out the promises made under the *Nunavut Agreement*. Inuit exchanged Aboriginal title to all their traditional land in the Nunavut Settlement Area for the rights and benefits set out in the *Nunavut Agreement*. The management of land, water and wildlife is very important to Inuit. NTI coordinates and manages Inuit responsibilities set out in the *Nunavut Agreement* and ensures that the federal and territorial governments fulfill their obligations.