



Processing and Sharing Country Food During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Wildlife and transmission of the COVID-19

- Risk of wildlife contamination with COVID-19 is very low, according to the current knowledge available.
- A research team captured 500 snow geese in spring 2020. None was carrying the virus.
- Research shows that beluga and narwhales have a genetic predisposition to COVID-19. This information is not enough to say that these species could catch the virus. Even if they could, the risk of human transmission of COVID-19 to marine mammals is extremely low according to Fisheries and Oceans Canada¹.

Precautions when processing country food

- Precautions will help prevent the transmission of the virus from one person to another.
 - Wash hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
 - Keep a distance of 2 meters from people who are not from your household.
 - Wear a non-medical mask or face covering when it is not possible
 - When outdoors, limit the number of people around the carcass to 25 people.

¹ Informal email exchanges with DFO

