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Plans underway to temporarily move Iqaluit Public Health

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 19, 2012) – In response to an environmental assessment released today, the Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is temporarily relocating Iqaluit Public Health and the Family Practice to other facilities while contractors address concerns.

An environmental assessment of the Public Health building was conducted in May by Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Ottawa, and they released their report today.

“The investigators discovered mold, and asbestos in floor tiles, that need to be removed,” said Lloyd Searcy, Executive Director of Iqaluit Health Services. “Asbestos is not an issue unless it is disturbed, however it makes sense to remove it as we address the mold issue.”

HSS is currently reviewing location options that will ensure the smoothest transition to temporary facilities. It is expected that repairs will take about four months, and there will be minimal interruption to services.

HSS will provide regular updates to the public throughout the transition.

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