

Public Service Announcement

Bed bug cases reported in Igloolik

Start Date: November 21, 2016

End Date: December 5, 2016

Igloolik, NU

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Bed bug cases have been confirmed in Igloodlik. To deal with the issue, environmental health officers and cleaners arrived in the community on Saturday, November 19. An exterminator will arrive in the community on November 24.

Environmental health officers and cleaners will enter some housing units and buildings to inspect, answer questions and help prepare for exterminators. They have supplies on-hand to help Igloodlimmiut begin this process, including:

- garbage bags
- double-sided carpet tape
- multi-purpose cleaner
- reusable cloths
- Vaseline
- rubber gloves
- steam cleaning equipment.

In the coming week, bed bug traps will be placed in all housing units and community buildings to identify which facilities are affected. Every building with bed bugs will be treated.

We want to remind residents that while bed bugs can cause skin irritation and anxiety, they do not spread disease, and there is no need to go to the health centre. We understand your concern, but there is no need to panic. The Igloolik Housing Association, the Hamlet of Igloolik and the Government of Nunavut are working together to deal with bed bugs in Igloolik.

Bed bugs are not a sign of a dirty house or building, but they can be spread easily through luggage, furniture and clothing. Igloodimmiut should be very careful when visiting friends and family members who have confirmed cases of bed bugs.

