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Completion of the Whale Cove tuberculosis prevention screening clinic

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 12, 2018) – The Government of Nunavut Department of Health today announced the successful completion of the territory's second community-wide tuberculosis (TB) prevention screening clinic in Whale Cove.

The Whale Cove clinic opened on October 22 and screened approximately 90 per cent of community members, in just five weeks. The clinic kicked off with an information session and feast, as well as community outreach initiatives throughout the duration of the clinic. Community engagement activities included a coloring wall at the clinic, questions of the week, and a youth movie night.

"The Department of Health is thankful for the warm welcome and continued support from the community of Whale Cove," said Minister of Health George Hickes. "This clinic was an important opportunity for us to put lessons learned into practice and gain insight from the community's perspective. Thanks to Whale Cove's encouragement and participation, we have taken another significant step forward in our goal to eliminate TB in Nunavut."

The Department of Health would also like to thank the Public Health Agency of Canada, the National Microbiology Lab, the Department of Community and Government Services, the Department of Education and the Hamlet of Whale Cove, among other valued partners, organizations and clinical staff.

While the community-wide screening is complete, residents and health centre staff in Whale Cove are encouraged to keep momentum going by supporting those undergoing TB treatment.

For more information on TB and screening, please read the Tuberculosis Factsheet and the Tuberculin Skin Test Brochure.

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