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Nunavut celebrates completion of the first mobile TB screening clinic

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 23, 2018) – On World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, the Department of Health celebrates the completion of the territory's first community-wide TB mobile screening clinic.

"The TB clinic in Qikiqtarjuaq demonstrates the Government of Nunavut's bold response to stop the spread of TB in Nunavut," said Minister of Health, Pat Angnakak. "We acknowledge and thank the residents of Qikiqtarjuaq for their welcome and support."

The TB mobile clinic screened over 90 per cent of the eligible Qikiqtarjuaq residents in seven weeks. While community-wide screening is complete, residents and health centre staff are encouraged to keep the momentum going by supporting community members throughout the TB treatment phase of the initiative.

"We are very grateful for the assistance from Nunavut's Department of Community and Government Services, Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the National Microbiology Lab, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and Hamilton's St. Joseph's Hospital," said Minister Angnakak. "Health professionals from across Canada mobilized to help make this mobile screening clinic a success."

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

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