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Nunavut extends Public Health Emergency

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 6, 2020) – Nunavut's Minister of Health George Hickes has extended the territory's public health emergency until August 20, 2020.

"Nunavut must remain prepared for COVID-19, even as we ease restrictions," said Minister Hickes. "As we learn to live with the virus in the long-term, we must stay diligent and consistent in following the public health advice that helps us slow its spread."

Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough or difficulty breathing. Nunavummiut are reminded to practice physical distancing, frequent handwashing, and to stay home if they feel unwell. Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 should call the COVID hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or notify their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days.

All existing measures under the public health emergency order remain in effect. For more information on COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to:
www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus

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