

Statement

Nunavut's first COVID-19-related deaths

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Nunavut-wide

Premier Joe Savikataaq, Health Minister Lorne Kusugak and Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Michael Patterson released the following joint statement:

“Today, we are saddened to inform Nunavummiut of Nunavut’s first COVID-19-related deaths. One resident from Arviat was medevaced to a southern facility after developing complications due to COVID-19. On Saturday late afternoon, we were informed that he had died in hospital. The second person was a Rankin Inlet resident who contracted the virus while in Southern Canada. He developed complications and passed in hospital late Saturday.

Out of respect for both individuals and their families, we will not be releasing additional information.

This is a very sad day. On behalf of the Government of Nunavut, we send our thoughts and condolences to the family, communities of Arviat and Rankin Inlet and all Nunavummiut during this difficult time.

We ask Nunavummiut to stay strong and remain vigilant to limit the spread of the virus. We must maintain our efforts to follow the Public Health measures and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities.”

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