

# News Release

## Five new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 3, 2020)** – Today, Nunavut has a total of 75 active cases of COVID-19 and 123 recovered cases. Five new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of active cases to 68. All active cases in Rankin Inlet are now recovered. Whale Cove has seven active cases.

“While Rankin Inlet has successfully flattened the COVID-19 curve, I ask residents there to remain strict in their commitment to continue on this path and follow the current public health restrictions,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer. “COVID-19 is not over in Nunavut. Everyone needs to ensure they do their part to bring us to zero active cases in the territory and remain committed and prepared for a potential resurgence of the virus.”

Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. As of December 2, 223 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 643 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove yielded 125 negative tests. Monitoring in Sanikiluaq continues.

Anyone who has reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 is advised to call the COVID-hotline at 1-888-975-8601 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST, or notify their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

For all the latest information, including the numbers of recovered and active cases per community, go to:

[https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.](https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus)

For the latest information on current public health restrictions, go to:

<https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path>

An update will be provided at a press conference at 11 a.m. EST, Friday, December 4.

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