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News Release

Nine new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 9, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has a total of 48 active cases of COVID-19 and 181 recovered cases. Nine new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of active cases to 48.

"I know that it is not easy and I want to thank all Arviammiut who are doing their part to stop the spread of the virus in the community," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "However, as long as we continue to see new cases of COVID-19 in Arviat, every single community member must do their part and follow the current public health measures. It cannot be overstated how impactful every single individual's actions are right now. Please don't take chances; focus on doing your part."

Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. As of December 8, Arviat testing has yielded 769 negative tests. Monitoring in Sanikiluaq, Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove 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.

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 11.

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