News Release

No new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 10, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has a total of 42 active cases of COVID-19, all in Arviat and a total of 187 recovered cases.

"No new cases today does not mean it's an opportunity to relax or ease any of our public health measures," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "Nunavut is not COVID-free and we must remain strict, diligent and prepared, as we continue to limit the spread of the virus in our territory. If you are in isolation, stay home and limit the risk to your community. For all Nunavummiut, please wear masks when outside the home if possible, practice physical distancing, and wash your hands as often as possible."

Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. As of December 9, Arviat testing has yielded 784 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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