

News Release

Two new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 15, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has two new cases of COVID-19. There are 45 active cases in the territory, all in Arviat. To date, 213 Nunavummiut have recovered from COVID-19.

“With the holiday season upon us, I know many of us want to celebrate with family and friends,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer. “This year however, planning our celebrations must include all the public health measures in place. Our main goal throughout the holiday season should be to ensure the on-going health and well-being of our family, friends and Elders. Please keep gatherings small, to keep our communities safe.”

Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. As of December 14, Arviat testing has yielded 915 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.](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 18.

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