

News Release

No new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 22, 2020) – Today, Nunavut is reporting no new cases of COVID-19. There are nine active cases in the territory, all in Arviat. To date, 252 Nunavummiut have recovered from COVID-19.

“The hard work done by Arviammiut cannot go unrecognized. I am impressed and encouraged by their efforts in a lengthy, difficult situation,” said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer. “As our number of active cases continues to decline, I ask for this commitment to carry us through the holidays. Let’s not give COVID-19 a chance to take any more of a hold in our communities.”

Contact tracing in all impacted communities is ongoing and public health staff are monitoring everyone in isolation. As of December 21, Arviat testing has yielded 1030 negative tests. Monitoring in 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>.

Press conferences will resume in early January 2021.

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