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Mary River Mine presumptive cases of COVID-19 test negative

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 22, 2020) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, has announced that the two presumptive cases of COVID-19 at the Mary River Mine tested negative after confirmatory testing at a lab in southern Canada.

"The office of the CPHO is working with the mine to ensure the test cases and their contacts complete an appropriate isolation period as a precautionary measure. At this point, neither the test cases nor the contacts have developed symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 and there is no evidence of transmission at the mine site," said Dr. Patterson. "Nunavut remains at no confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19".

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., or notify their community health centre right away, and immediately isolate at home for 14 days. Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough or difficulty breathing. The best protection from spreading or catching the disease is physical distancing, handwashing for at least 20 seconds, coughing and sneezing into an elbow and staying home as much as possible.

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