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News Release

10 new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 18, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has a total of 70 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. An additional eight new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of positive cases to 54. An additional two new cases have been confirmed in Rankin Inlet, bringing the community's number of positive cases to six. All individuals are in isolation and doing well.

"Contact tracing in all impacted communities continues and there is no evidence of community transmission in Rankin Inlet at this time," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer.

Whale Cove remains at eight positive cases and Sanikiluaq remains at two positive cases.

As of November 17, 103 tests have been done in Sanikiluaq with negative results. In Rankin Inlet, 60 tests have come back negative. Arviat testing has yielded 114 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove is ongoing.

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 and resources about COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

An update will be provided at a press conference at 11 a.m. EST, today, November 18.

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