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News Release

Four new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 19, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has a total of 74 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. Three new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of positive cases to 57. One additional case has been confirmed in Rankin Inlet, bringing the community's number of positive cases to seven. There are no changes to the number of cases in Whale Cove or Sanikiluaq.

"The new case in Rankin Inlet is linked to a previously identified case. There is no evidence of community transmission in Sanikiluaq, Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove. All individuals are in isolation and all are doing well. We continue contact tracing in all impacted communities continues and are monitoring all individuals in isolation," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer.

As of November 18, 103 tests have been done in Sanikiluaq with negative results. In Rankin Inlet, 104 tests have come back negative. Arviat testing has yielded 130 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove yielded 10 negative tests.

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.

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, November 20.

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