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21 new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 22, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has 128 active cases of COVID-19. 18 new cases have been identified in Arviat, bringing the community's number of positive cases to 98. One new case has been confirmed in Whale Cove for a total of 15 positive cases. Rankin Inlet has two new positive cases, for a community total of 15 positive cases.

"Health teams are working around the clock in Arviat, Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet to trace, test, isolate and contain the spread of the virus," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "There is still a lot of work to be done and it will take some time to see if our current public health measures are working. In the meantime, I want to take a moment to thank our health and rapid response teams for their dedication, and thank Nunavummiut for their ongoing vigilance, compassion and support."

There remains no evidence of community transmission in Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove. All individuals with active COVID-19 are regularly monitored in isolation and continue to do well, with mild to moderate symptoms.

As of November 21, 118 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 344 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove has yielded 30 negative tests. Monitoring in Sanikiluaq 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 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, Monday, November 23.

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