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News Release

10 new cases of COVID-19 in Nunavut

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 24, 2020) – Today, Nunavut has 142 active cases of COVID-19. Nine new cases have been confirmed in Arviat for a total of 107 positive cases. Rankin Inlet has one new case, for a community total of 19 positive cases.

"As we see daily totals of COVID-19 rise across Canada, it's important that Nunavummiut strictly follow our public health measures," said Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer. "As we head into our second week of increased restrictions in the territory, every single one of us needs to stay committed and dedicated to slowing and stopping the spread of this virus in our communities."

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 23, 158 tests have been done in Rankin Inlet with negative results. Arviat testing has yielded 375 negative tests. Testing in Whale Cove has yielded 52 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, Wednesday, November 25.

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