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Confirmed COVID-19 case at Mary River Mine

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 21, 2020) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, today announced a positive case of COVID-19 at the Mary River Mine 176 km southwest of Pond Inlet. The individual was not exposed to the virus in Nunavut and the case will count as a positive in the individual's home jurisdiction.

"The individual is currently in isolation and has not developed symptoms," said Dr. Patterson. "The results were confirmed by the Hamilton Regional Laboratory today."

There is no evidence of transmission at Mary River Mine at this time. Nunavut's Public Health team is ready to provide support and respond if, and when, it becomes necessary.

"There are no Nunavut residents currently working at the Mary River Mine, and the risk of COVID-19 spreading in our communities due to this positive case is very low," said Minister of Health George Hickes. "As always, we ask Nunavummiut to please remain vigilant in regular handwashing, maintaining physical distancing measures and staying home if you feel unwell."

The current public health measures, *Nunavut's Path* and the Common Travel Areas with Churchill, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories remain unaffected.

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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