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Confirmed COVID-19 case in Iqaluit

Iqaluit, Nunavut (December 4, 2021) – Dr. Michael Patterson, Nunavut's Chief Public Health Officer, today announced a positive case of COVID-19 in Iqaluit.

"On December 3, an individual who recently returned from travel in Southern Canada tested positive for COVID-19," said Dr. Patterson. "The individual is isolating and contact tracing is on-going. The risk for transmission is considered low and there is no need to increase public health measures at this time."

Any unvaccinated travellers on Canadian North's December 2 Flight 5T-103 from Ottawa to Iqaluit who were seated in rows 21 to 27 are advised to immediately isolate until December 16. Any vaccinated passengers in those rows should self-monitor for symptoms until December 16.

The Department of Health will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. The positive sample will be sent to a laboratory in Southern Canada to identify the variant.

Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms 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 by telephone. Please do not go to the health centre in person.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are available to all Nunavummiut aged five and older. Contact your health centre or Iqaluit Public Health to make an appointment.

For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Nunavut, go to: https://www.gov.nu.ca/

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