

News Release

For Immediate Release

Seven new cases of COVID-19 in Arviat

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 15, 2021) – Today, Nunavut has seven new cases of COVID-19. There are 18 active cases in the territory, all in Arviat.

“As we see an increase in COVID-19 cases in Arviat, it is critical that everyone continues to do their part to stop the spread of the virus,” said Nunavut’s Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Michael Patterson. “Please stay home unless absolutely necessary, wear a mask when outside your household, limit gatherings to outdoors only and wash your hands frequently. I know you are all tired and fatigue is setting in, but please stay the course and stay strong.”

All individuals are doing well, are isolating at home and contact tracing is ongoing. As of February 15, Arviat testing has yielded 2056 negative tests.

Nunavut's Rapid Response Team continues to support the community health team. Anyone who has travelled to and from Arviat since January 12 are asked to limit their contacts and self-monitor for symptoms. They are also asked to contact their local health centre or Iqaluit public health, if in the city, to help with contact tracing and monitoring. Travel in and out of Arviat remains restricted, unless for emergency or essential purposes.

Arviammiut who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call their health centre for an appointment. To date, 6500 Nunavummiut have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine. Vaccine clinics in the territory are ongoing.

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, including the numbers of recovered and active cases per community, 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>.

For the latest information on Nunavut's COVID-19 vaccination plans, go to:
<https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/covid-19-vaccination>.

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